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'12 homes completely destroyed'

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REPORTER

It's been a busy and exhausting 36 hours for the American Red Cross NMI Chapter with the recent passage of Tropical Storm Bavi.

Speaking at the Saipan Rotary Club weekly meeting yesterday, ARC NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsch said that 12 homes on Saipan were completely destroyed. The homes were made of tin and wood.

In total, 62 calls for emergency assistance were made to the Red Cross during the storm, Hirsch said.

Besides the 12 homes destroyed, 20 homes reported major damage, and 25 reported minor damage. Five of the emergency calls were from homes

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'Mayor Toby' passes away at 68

Former Northern Islands mayor Tobias Aldan passed away Monday night at the Commonwealth Health Center at the age of 68, a statement from the Office of the Governor said.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres extended their condolences to Aldan's widow, Clotilde Kaipat Aldan; current Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan, his siblings, and their family as they mourn the passing of Aldan, the sixth mayor of the Northern Islands.

Aldan, fondly called "Mayor Toby," served as mayor of the CNMI's north-

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Aldan

UN says 24 dead in Vanuatu after Cyclone Pam

Adrian Banga surveys his destroyed house in Port Vila, Vanuatu in the aftermath of Cyclone Pam, Monday, March 16, 2015. AP



A cyclone devastates Vanuatu, in the South Pacific



Source: AP
Graphic: Tribune News Service

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Relief workers tried desperately on Tuesday to reach Vanuatu's remote outer islands that were smashed by a monstrous cyclone, as the United Nations reported that 24 people were confirmed dead and 3,300 displaced

by the storm that tore through the South Pacific archipelago.

Radio and telephone communications with hard-hit outer islands were just beginning to be restored, but remained incredibly patchy three days after what the country's president

called a "monster" storm.

The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said 3,300 people are sheltering in 37 evacuation centers on the main island of Efate and in the provinces of Torba and Penama.

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Mistrial declared in retrial of 'Grandpa Ping'

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho declared yesterday a mistrial in the retrial of Jose Ilo Santos, a 63-year-old man who was previously

convicted of sexually abusing a then-7-year-old girl.

Camacho declared the mistrial after the jury was left with only five members. One juror refused to attend the trial while another, a Corrections officer, was disqualified for not disclosing

that he knows Santos and has been seeing him regularly at the Department of Corrections.

A new retrial date for Santos, also known as Grandpa Ping, was set for June 8, 2015.

At the second day of the retrial yes-



Santos

terday, one of the seven jurors did not show up, prompting the court staff to repeatedly call her on the phone. The court staff learned that the juror re-

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NMC CHARTER DAY

A group of hip-hop dancers took to the stage last year during NMC's Charter Day celebration at the Northern Marianas College. This year's Charter Day will be on Friday, March 20, 2015, and will also feature the highly anticipated Marianas Idol competition and many other performances.

NMC

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Isolated blackouts persist yesterday

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Power was back up on over 90 percent of Saipan, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., but isolated pockets of blackouts still persist.

CUC continued to work on these outages across the island throughout last night, according to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher in an interview late yesterday.

Most of these areas were left powerless due to blown transformers or trees, after Tropical Storm Bavi hit the islands over the weekend.

Fletcher said that felled trees took out power lines in these areas. Yesterday, CUC continued the "slow, grinding work" that needed to be done for these "back wood vegetated areas" hit hard by the storm, he said.

He noted that CUC shifted crew from its water and wastewater division to aid their power division.

The blown transformers on Navy Hill would take longer to replace, he indicated. He could not give an estimate on when.

As for the isolated areas, he said, "We are hoping to get a majority of these done by late [last night]," he said.

The last partial of their feeders that went up was for the Kagman area. This came up around 2am yesterday, Fletcher said.

He said are going lateral power line-by-lateral power line to fix power outages.

Fletcher thanked the public for being patient and said he understood the frustration of those who are still without power, noting that their crews are out "tirelessly" working.

Inos: Hostile environment at public library 'unfortunate'

The hostile working environment at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library between library staff and its former executive director, John Oliver Gonzales, was "unfortunate," according to Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Yesterday, Gonzales officially stepped down after turning in his resignation letter to JKPL Library board chair Mark Rauliman.

Inos in a statement said he and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres "acknowledge and recognize the library staff's disappointment in the library's leadership and their hope for change."

"We recognize Mr. Gonzales' service, and we encourage the library staff to continue setting exceptional service benchmarks for our children, stakeholders, and the general public," Inos said.

The governor said Gonzales "should be commended not only for his tenure at the library

but his community contributions through the Marianas Alliance of Non-Governmental Organization and various services representing the CNMI throughout the Pacific region."

"While it was unfortunate that a hostile working environment existed at the library between Gonzales and the library staff, the administration is keen on the continuation of the library's services to the public through the library staff's dedication and under new leadership," Inos said.

Gonzales' resignation comes almost a month after JKPL staff walked out on him complaining of a "climate of fear" at the library, forcing the hand of library board members to resolve the conflict.

JKPL's Children Library associate Erlinda Naputi will be the acting executive director in Gonzales' stead. (Joel D. Pinaroc)

Inos appoints Clyde Norita as first Department of Fire and EMS chief

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has appointed former lawmaker and retired police officer Clyde K. Norita as commissioner of the newly created Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

In his memorandum on Monday, Inos informed all department and activity heads about his appointment of Norita.

The appointment requires Senate confirmation.

The governor said that until the Senate takes action, Norita

is designated acting commissioner.

"Please extend your cooperation to commissioner-designate Clyde Norita as he assumes his new duties and responsibilities," Inos told department heads.

Norita rose from the ranks as a career law enforcer, starting from police officer 1 to the rank of police major.

The administration of former governor Benigno R. Fitial appointed Norita as executive director of the Criminal Justice Planning



Norita

Agency and special assistant to the Department of Public Safety before his appointment to the Commonwealth Ports Authority as executive director.

He was also elected to the 14th CNMI House of Representatives. He lost his senatorial bid in the November 2005 general elections.

In 2008, the Fitial administration appointed him DPS commissioner.

Office of the Public Defender withdraws as counsel for cop

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The preliminary hearing in the case against Police Officer 1 Carl Kohler Tudela did not push through yesterday after the Office of the Public Defender withdrew as his counsel due to conflict of interest.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted assistant public defender Matthew Meyer's motion to withdraw and reset the preliminary hearing for tomorrow, Thursday, at 9am.

After telling the court that their office has a conflict of interest, Meyers asked for a sidebar discussion. Camacho granted the motion and told Tudela that a private counsel will be appointed as his new counsel.

Tudela, 38, has been in jail

since his March 6 arrest after failing to post a \$100,000 cash bail. He was arrested for allegedly buying methamphetamine or "ice" and is being held on charges of possession of a controlled substance and misconduct in public office.

Office of the Attorney General investigator George F. David stated in his report that the Office of the Attorney General's Investigation Division, Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force, and the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Bureau of Investigation jointly investigated Tudela's drug activities.

David said information gathered by AGID indicates that Tudela's activities involve smoking and purchasing "ice" while on or off duty. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

New Finance memo clarifies Aetna rates for govt workers

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The Department of Finance has released a new memo offering lower insurance rates for government employees and retirees should they sign up for an insurance policy with Aetna Global.

An earlier memo showed higher insurance rates that infuriated government workers and lawmakers.

According to Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), the old memo issued last March 13 contained typographical errors. The new memo issued March 16 amended the errors, he said.

For instance, the old memo showed that an active government worker with a family needs to pay \$485.65 (for 22 pay periods) if he or she chooses Aetna's "low plan."

Should the government worker with a family get the "high plan," the rate shoots all the way up to \$820.94 (for 22 pay periods).

However, in the new and updated memo, a government worker with a family only needs to pay \$242.83 (for 22 pay periods) for the "low plan," and \$410.47 for the "high plan."

Igisomar said the rates for the "low plan" are lower than previous rates in 2014. For instance, the family plan of \$242.83 is \$72.04 lower than the \$314.87 rates in 2014.

Those getting the "high plans," however, do not have a decrease in their payments.

For government retirees, the old memo showed that a retiree with a family needs to pay a \$534.22 for the "low plan" and a whopping \$903.03 for the "high plan" in 20 pay periods.

But the new memo showed that retirees with a family only needs to pay \$267.11 for the "low plan" and \$451.52 for the "high plan."

The 2015 rates for retirees are also significantly lower than rates in 2014, Igisomar said.

Earlier, Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) slammed Aetna saying that the rates were not affordable to most government employees, particularly those with families.

He warned that by increasing the rates, "most healthy, young families are going to cancel their health coverage."

The Aetna insurance is not mandatory for government employees.



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VANUATU

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Australian military planes that conducted aerial assessments of the outer islands found significant damage, particularly on Tanna Island, where it appears that more than 80 percent of homes and other buildings were partially or completely destroyed, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said.

"We understand that the reconnaissance imagery shows widespread devastation," Bishop said. "Not only buildings flattened—palm plantations, trees. It's quite a devastating sight."

Relief workers have been battling poor weather and communications issues for days, hampering much of their efforts to reach the islands. A break in the weather on Tuesday gave them a chance to try again, though ac-

cess remained difficult. Most of the islands have no airports and those that do have only small landing strips that are tricky for large supply planes to navigate.

"There are over 80 islands that make up Vanuatu and on a good, sunny day outside of cyclone season it's difficult to get to many of them," said Colin Collett Van Rooyen, Vanuatu director for Oxfam. "Until today, the weather has been particularly cloudy, so even the surveillance flights would have had some difficulty picking up good imagery."

Teams of aid workers and government officials were planning to fly to the southern islands, which suffered a direct hit from the storm. The teams were expected to meet with local disaster officials and conduct damage assessments, said Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, disaster coordinator for the U.N.'s humanitarian affairs office.

Some of the islands were just beginning to get their phone networks running again, and technical crews were en route to set up data and voice satellite communications. Officials hoped to restore communications to the islands within 48 hours, Stampa said.

Photos of the islands taken by crews on board Australian, New Zealand and New Caledonian military surveillance flights were being analyzed by officials in the capital, Port Vila. The information will help officials dispatch aid to the worst-hit areas, Stampa said.

"Tanna has a problem with its water anyway; it's dry outside the disaster season, so there's a reasonable chance there's a lack of water there," Stampa said.

Van Rooyen spoke to another aid worker who had managed to land in Tanna.

"His description in two words is 'utter devastation,'" Van

Rooyen said.

Vanuatu's president, meanwhile, was rushing back to his country, which has repeatedly warned it is already suffering devastating effects from climate change with coastal areas being washed away.

Looking weary and red-eyed, Baldwin Lonsdale told The Associated Press that Cyclone Pam destroyed or damaged 90 percent of the buildings in the capital alone. Lonsdale was interviewed on Monday in Sendai, in northeastern Japan, where he had been attending a U.N. disaster conference when the cyclone struck. He was expected to reach Vanuatu on Tuesday.

"This is a very devastating cyclone in Vanuatu. I term it as a monster, a monster," he said. "It's a setback for the government and for the people of Vanuatu. After all the development that has taken place, all this development has been wiped out."

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that turned out were still habitable, but gave reports that their shutters were disjointed, for example, he said.

"Our teams are out [yesterday] providing individual case-

work," he said.

Previously, they did "windshield assessments," like taking pictures. Yesterday, they went back, talking to families and finding out what the emergency needs are. "Whether they need to get roofing tinned, whether they need two-by-fours, food assistance," Hirsch added.

Depending on the scale of damage, Red Cross usually provides around \$1,000 in financial support to each family.

"We are anticipating to spend between \$30,000 to \$40,000 just helping those families in the next two days," he said. "The money that comes in from community,

we turn it right back out and try to provide at least a stepping stone or a foot forward in families making a recovery."

Unfortunately, he said, a lot of homes on island are not insured, and with a "thin" social services network, there are not a lot of services on island to provide meaningful support.



Tropical storm Bavi uprooted one of the larger trees at the Susupe Beach Park.

DENNIS B. CHAN

MAYOR

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ernmost municipality from 2010 to the end of his term in 2014.

Born on Feb. 9, 1947, Aldan grew up on an island that was still recovering from a war that changed both the geographic and social landscape of the

Northern Marianas.

In a statement, Inos said Aldan's desire to serve his islands "led to a 37-year career in government service, including working for the Department of Public Works, and as public relations officer for the Northern Islands Mayor's Office, a department he himself would eventually oversee."

"As mayor, Aldan forged a

strong working relationship with the administration and brought many issues facing Northern Island residents to the forefront, such as resettlement, economic development, and issues pertaining to military use of Pagan," Inos in the statement said. "Through his work, he has inspired many to continue his legacy, most notably his oldest child Jerome, who this year suc-

ceeded his father as mayor."

Inos further said the death of former mayor Aldan "is a deep loss not only for his family and former constituents, but for the entire Commonwealth, and we join them as they mourn his passing and ask residents throughout the CNMI for prayers as well as to honor and celebrate the memory of this great public servant." (Joel D. Pinaroc)

Lonsdale said because of the communications blackout, even he could not reach his family. "We do not know if our families are safe or not. As the leader of the nation, my whole heart is for the people, the nation," he said.

Vanuatu has a population of 267,000 people. About 47,000 people live in the capital.

Officials were struggling to determine the scale of devastation from the cyclone, which tore through the nation early Saturday, packing winds of 270 kilometers (168 miles) per hour. Bridges were down outside Port Vila, making travel by vehicle impossible even around Efate.

Though the U.N.'s reported death toll was 24, the exact figure was still unknown due to the breakdown in communications outside the capital. Officials with the National Disaster Management Office said they had no accurate figures on how many were dead, and aid agencies all reported varying numbers.

"The indications are showing that there will be extensive injuries if the people didn't go to higher ground (on the outer is-

MISTRIAL

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fused to come because she reportedly has a problem with her boyfriend.

Camacho discharged the juror and replaced her with an alternate juror.

Camacho, however, issued a bench warrant for the juror who refused to come. Court marshals served the bench warrant on the juror, who was then taken before Camacho when trial resumed in the afternoon.

The juror explained her problem to the court and got a scolding in return. Camacho told her that serving in the jury is not a joke and she had caused a delay in the trial. Camacho later discharged her and she was ordered released from jail.

With one juror discharged, this left the trial with six jurors.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato and Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig, both counsels for Santos, later informed the court that one juror is a Corrections officer who chose not to answer the question during jury selection if he knows the defendant.

Camacho called in the juror, Corrections officer Anthony Laniyo, who then told the court that he sees Santos at DOC almost every day. When asked why he failed to disclose that information during jury selection, Laniyo replied that he assumed that he will be excused as a prospective juror because he works at DOC.

Sato argued to disqualify Laniyo as a juror. Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley did not object.

Later, the parties discussed the Rules of Criminal Procedure regarding the required number of jurors because if Laniyo is disqualified, there will only be

lands) and there might be a lot of fatalities," the director of Vanuatu Prime Minister Joe Natuman's office, Benjamin Shing, told reporters in Port Vila.

The damaged airport in Port Vila has reopened, allowing some aid and relief flights to reach the country. Lonsdale said a wide range of items were needed, from tarpaulins and water containers to medical supplies and construction tools. Those on the ground pleaded for help to arrive quickly.

The city's hospital was overwhelmed with patients, and some beds were moved outside due to fears the building is no longer safe. Smashed boats littered the harbor, and sodden piles of household belongings tangled among twisted tree branches lay where some homes once stood.

Many of the city's residents were already beginning the rebuilding process, said Stampa, of the U.N.

"People are chopping trees and getting on with their lives; there's a lot of laughter at night," he said. "They're remarkably resilient people."

five jurors left.

Sato insisted that there should be six jurors and that they are not prepared to agree with the government to proceed with the trial with only five jurors left.

Foley said since the defendant refused to proceed with just five jurors, she is concerned with a subsequent appeal in this case.

Sato renewed his motion to disqualify Laniyo, citing that the prejudicial effect to his client would be extreme. If Laniyo is disqualified, Sato said they would then ask for a mistrial.

Camacho called back Laniyo to the courtroom and informed him that his action or inaction put the trial in jeopardy. Camacho told Laniyo he might face a criminal charge of perjury, but that he is leaving that to the prosecution to decide. The judge then discharged Laniyo as a juror.

Sato moved for a mistrial because there's now less than six jurors left.

Foley said absent the stipulation, she leaves it to the court's discretion.

Camacho ruled a mistrial. The retrial of Santos began on Monday.

The retrial came about after the CNMI Supreme Court reversed Santos' convictions last Dec. 2 and ordered a new jury trial.

The high court ruled that the trial court abused its discretion by permitting the victim advocate to accompany the alleged victim at the witness stand.

In October 2012, the jury found Santos guilty of two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

In March 2013, Camacho sentenced Santos to the maximum of 60 years in prison, to be served without the possibility of parole.

Santos appealed to the high court.

McDonald's marks its 22nd anniversary with promos

This weekend, treat the family to the fast food comfort under McDonald's golden arches.

McDonald's turns 22 years on Saipan today. On Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, the anniversary promotions they dole out this year will be offered at both their locations on Middle Road and in Garapan.

For breakfast, buy one Portuguese Sausage, Eggs and Rice Platter, and get a second Portuguese Sausage, Eggs and Rice Platter for half the price. You can also buy a bacon, egg, and cheese McGriddle Meal, and get your second bacon, egg and cheese sandwich for only a dollar.

For lunch or dinner, buy any Extra Value Meal from item Nos. 1 to 11 on their regular menu and get the other sandwich of the same kind for \$3 only.

And to wash that down, try their egnog shakes of any size for dessert—and get another one free.

For Marcia Ayuyu, McDonald's owner/operator, this is their way of giving back to the loyal and supportive community responsible for their continued success these last two decades.

"We're inviting customers to come out and celebrate with us on these two days. We want to thank the community for their continued support. Without them, we wouldn't be successful," she said.

Ayuyu also thanked the McDonald's employees and her office staff. "You can't be anything on your own, without their help," she said.

"And I also thank our maintenance guys. They really do

a wonderful job," she said, adding that with their help they were able to still serve customers during Tropical Storm Bavi.

Manager

Joe Ayuyu Jr. said they came up with these special promotions specifically as a way of "giving value back" to their loyal customers.

"We invite everyone to come out and celebrate," he said, thanking the dedicated employees of McDonald's as well.

He said their anniversaries every year have been about celebrating both community and employee support.

"Our 21st year has treated us well, and we are looking forward to our 22nd year," the manager said. "We are always excited to what this coming year is going to bring again."

In McDonald's continuous effort to improve quality, we will be coming

up with new kinds of grilled chicken and a new patty, for a juicier, tender bite."

Marketing manager Ana Olaes added, "We always find a way to give back."

For their 22nd year, they are looking at new tastes to their famous fries and nuggets, as well as rolling out new sandwiches, she said.

Their new chicken will still be made of pure white meat, decked with herbs.

And for their beef patties—because of the popular approval of their Angus burgers—they will be introducing a sirloin steak burger this May or June.

She added that they don't want to "give away all the secrets" yet, but said these new products would "definitely be coming this year."



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McDonald's owner/operator Marcia Ayuyu and manager Joe Ayuyu Jr.



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DPS evidence handling still 'inadequate'—audit report

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The handling of evidence at the Department of Public Safety remains inadequate and still needs improvement, a performance report from the Office of the Public Auditor said.

The OPA report released last week said the audit has been made on evidence preservation, accountability, and control at DPS.

In its previous audit way back in 2005, the OPA said it was "highly critical" of the DPS control and accountability with regards to recording and retention of evidence, compelling the OPA to conduct a second audit.

The OPA said the department made "initial progress" from 2006 to 2009. However, the operations again deteriorated to unacceptable levels.

In its findings, the OPA said the DPS Evidence Section "failed to properly account for and protect individual items of evidence."

"Firearms seized and weapons submitted for safekeeping are inadequately documented, and in some cases, records are nonexistent," the report said.

The OPA further said physical security at the Evidence Section is "inadequate" and that facility is also "multi-use" because Crime Scene Technicians also hold office in the same section.

The OPA said "updated, written policies and procedures were not completed until 2010 and were not distributed until the beginning of OPA's current audit, and that certain existing policies and procedures are inadequate and do not meet acceptable standards."

DPS, meanwhile, said it has already addressed these concerns, including mishandling of evidence.

DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero also said the department has been working extensively with the OPA and the Office of the Attorney General to resolve these issues.

NMC: Settlement Fund trustee keeps misinforming the court

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The Northern Marianas College says Settlement Fund trustee Joyce C.H. Tang continues to misinform the federal court regarding NMC's position on the issue of its contribution to the Fund.

In NMC's response to Tang's report, NMC counsel Mark A. Scoggins said the U.S. District Court for the NMI has been misinformed that NMC's reason for not paying at the 30-percent rate is due to a letter from then-governor Benigno R. Fitial.

"This is not true," Scoggins said.

Although the historical reasons for NMC's contribution rate were discussed with Tang in September 2014, Scoggins said she has been informed on several occasions that NMC's position is actually based on the plain language of the settlement agreement in Betty Johnson's class action lawsuit.

In her report for fourth quarter fiscal year 2014 and first quarter fiscal year 2015, Tang disclosed, among other things, that they may file a court action against NMC, which is the only remaining autonomous agency that is not current and refuses to pay the Settlement Fund its outstanding balance of \$71,749.43.

Tang said they will ask the court to issue an order requiring NMC to pay all employer contributions at the rate of 30

percent, together with interest and penalties on the unpaid portion.

Tang said that, on Sept. 10, 2014, Scoggins informed the Settlement Fund that the reason NMC was not paying its employer contributions at the 30-percent rate was because of a June 24, 2008, letter from Fitial to NMC.

Tang said NMC claimed that Fitial's letter confirms the agreement of the government to pay the 10 percent portion of NMC's employer contributions.

In NMC's reply, Scoggins said Tang's current statements about NMC's position are untrue. He said NMC informed Tang of their position that the plain language of a section of

the settlement agreement states that "CNMI autonomous agencies shall make supplemental payments to the Settlement Fund in the amount of the employer contributions for these Settlement

Class members at the same contribution rate they were paying as of June 26, 2013."

Scoggins said the language is unambiguous.

He said NMC was paying at the contribution rate of 20 percent on June 26, 2013, and NMC is paying "the same contribution rate NMC was paying as of June 26, 2013."

As for Tang's hint to take court action, Scoggins said NMC will await the trustee's motion and will, of course, more fully inform the court of its own position.



Tang



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Heavy salt spray seen to spoil Kagman crops

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Heavy salt spray thrown up by the intense winds of Tropical Storm Bavi over the weekend is expected to spoil the crops in the Kagman commercial plot, a large supplier to the Garapan Public Market, according to a CNMI Farmer's Cooperative official yesterday.

Co-op secretary Isidoro Cabrera explained that the heavy salt sprays from the waves around Tank Beach were blown inland during the storm.

This would "definitely harm" several plant crops, he said. "Production will be low. Some of the crops will completely die out," he said.

Bell peppers, tomatoes, cu-

cumbers, and tender leaf greens, he said, would be hit.

According to him, 30 to 40 farmers grow crops around the Kagman commercial farm plot.

The effects of the salt spray, he said, would be seen in the next several days, when the sun comes out.

"It's going to be just like an oven. The leaf will turn brown, even though the plants are still standing," he said.

Cabrera said most, if not "99 percent" of Kagman commercial plot farmers, are members of the co-op.

"It's going to affect the co-op. We are going to get less produce. But this is normal [after a storm]. In another 20 to...40 days we'll be back," given there are no other storms, he said.



REGIONAL WINNER

Congratulations to Kelvin Wolf for being the National Junior Speech and Debate Regional winner. He won first place in Humorous Interpretation and Dramatic Interpretation and second place in Prose Reading. Wolf will be representing the CNMI in Dallas, Texas for the NJSDA National Tournament.

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A. FOR PASSPORT RENEWALS

■ Due to the capacity limits of our passport processing equipment, we can only process up to 360 applications over the three-day mission;

■ Please note that only the 360 applicants who had pre-registered during the last consular mission in January 2015 will be processed during this mission;

■ The 360 applicants on the official list are each assigned a specific date and time slot;

■ Make sure that you appear during your scheduled processing time; otherwise you may have to wait until a slot opens up;

■ Those who have to renew their passports and who are not on the official list of 360 applicants to be processed for this mission can still come to pre-register and submit the necessary requirements;

■ Those who pre-register during this March mission will have their applications processed during the next consular mission;

■ Per department guidelines, the Consular Team cannot extend expired passports unless the holder will be simultaneously processed for renewal;

■ The Consulate General is well aware of the issues faced by our nationals who cannot renew their passports and we are working on solutions to alleviate their situation;

■ The official list of those who have appointment will be announced on March 20, 2015;

■ Requirements for renewal of GREEN Philippine passport:

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport
3. Original passport
4. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)

■ Requirements for renewal of BROWN/MAROON Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport
3. Photocopy of birth certificate
4. Original passport
5. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)

■ Requirements for LOST Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport (if available)
3. Photocopy of birth certificate
4. Police Report
5. Notarized Affidavit of Loss (\$25)
6. Original passport
7. Payment of Lost Passport Fee: \$90 (Green/Maroon) or \$150 (ePassport)

B. REGISTRATION FOR OVERSEAS VOTING

All citizens of the Philippines who are abroad, at least 18 years of age on the day of the elections (May 9, 2016), and who are registered overseas voters, may vote for President, Vice President, Senators and Party-List Representatives.

Personal appearance is necessary as the voter registration process requires the intake of a person's biometric data. Applicants should present proof of Philippine citizenship, such as a valid Philippine passport or NSO-issued certificate of birth.

C. FOR CIVIL REGISTRY AND NOTARIAL SERVICES

All applications for civil registry and notarial services will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Applicants are advised to prepare the originals and copies of the required documents as indicated below:

- Report of Birth (\$25)
1. Original Birth Certificate + five copies
 2. If applicable, Original Marriage Certificate of Parents + five copies
 3. Valid Passport of Parents + five copies; If Passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies
 4. US Naturalization Certificate of Parent + five

copies, if parent is already a US Citizen at the time of application

5. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Birth (\$25), if filed more than one month from birth of child

6. For Illegitimate children using surname of father, Affidavit to Use Surname of Father (\$25)

7. Duly accomplished ROB Form, signed in front of consular officer

■ Report of Marriage (\$25)

1. Original Marriage Certificate + five copies
2. Original Birth Certificate of Filipino spouse + five copies

3. Valid Passports of both parties + five copies each; if passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies

4. 2x2 photo (white background) of each of the spouses

5. For parties with previous marriage/s:

- a. For US citizens, Final Decree of Divorce + five copies

- b. For Filipino citizens, Annotated Marriage Certificate from NSO showing details of Annulment + five copies OR Judgment of Philippine Court Recognizing Final Decree of Divorce issued by a foreign court

- c. For widows/widower, Death Certificate of deceased spouse

6. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Marriage (\$25), if filed more than one (1) month from celebration of marriage

7. For those whose spouses are non-Filipinos, duly accomplished CFO form

8. Duly accomplished ROM Form signed in front of consular officer

■ Report of Death (\$25)

1. Original Death Certificate + copies
2. Duly accomplished ROD Form

■ Acknowledgements (SPA, General Power of Attorney, Contracts), Jurat (Affidavits)

1. Valid Passport or government issued ID (i.e., driver's license) of signatory + copy
2. Must sign document in front of consular officer

3. Payment of Fee \$25

■ For NBI Clearance Application (\$25)

1. Completely accomplished NBI Form (to be provided by the Philippine Consulate Team). Said form must be brought to the local Police Station for fingerprinting. Applicants must ensure that the police officer taking the fingerprints must sign in the "Impressions Taken By" field.

2. One 2x2 photo (to be pasted on the form)

3. Original Valid Passport and two (2) copies (Data and Signature Page of the passport)

■ Authentication/Verification of Employment Contracts

1. Job Order

Attachments: USCIS Approval
Company License
Passport of Signatory (Employer)

2. Special Power of Attorney

Attachments: Company License
Passport of Signatory (Employer)

3. Recruitment Agreement

Attachments: Company License
Passport of Signatory (Employer)

4. Individual or Group Employment Contract

Attachments: Company License
Passport of Signatory (Employer)

Following are the applicable fees for these services:

Document	Authenti- cation Fee	+ DOLE Veri- fication Fee
Job Order	\$25	\$10
SPA	\$25	\$10
Recruitment Agreement	\$25	\$30
Individual Contract	\$25	\$10
Group Contract	\$25	\$30

Please note that ALL applicants for the above services will be required to photocopy the signed documents after processing.

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Hikers find live ordnance in Guam

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Authorities in Guam have taken possession of live ammunition, grenades and mortar rounds found by two young hikers.

The hikers found the ordnance Monday at Mount Santa Rosa in Yigo and took it to one of their homes nearby. That led to the evacuation of the home after the father of one of the hikers called 911, Guam newspaper *Pacific Daily News* reported.

Members of the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron from Andersen Air Force Base responded to the call, along with the

Guam Fire Department. Tech Sgt. Sean Rabourn, among the responders, said all the ordnance that was found turned out to be live.

"They're all things you wouldn't want to touch," he said.

People should stay away from any possible ordnance and notify authorities instead, said Guam fire Capt. Ray Garrido.

"You don't know whether it's a live ordnance," he said.

One of the hikers, 9-year-old Gabrile Ferreira, said he and 19-year-old Anseto Mony were hiking near Ferreira's home when

they found the ordnance sticking out of the ground. The boy said they've hiked that area before and found other artifacts there.

Ferreira said he and Mony took ordnance thinking the items would make good souvenirs. His father, Kurt Ferreira, said the smaller rounds looked more like artifacts, but an 81 mm mortar round that measured about 1 1/2 feet looked like it could do some damage. That's when he decided to call authorities.

Air Force personnel removed the ordnance from the scene without incident.

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Happy 1st birthday to Karina Camacho! Greetings come from Dad, Mom, Boy, Kiana, Alana, and the family.

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Paper books, alive and well

For years, we've been hearing that print is dead and the electronic reading medium is the future—the whole future. And it's not hard to imagine a day when no tree has to die for people to get all the reading they could want.

Half of Americans have already sprung for e-reading devices, where they can consume books, magazines, newspapers and other virtual fare. They are lightweight; they can hold large libraries in a small space; they can light up in the dark; and they can provide audio and video.

But there is one important group of people who would much rather do their reading in traditional formats. Not crotchety geezers living in the past, but teens and young adults, who confess a marked bias for doing things the way their great-grandparents did them.

A poll last year found that two-thirds of youngsters ages 6 to 17 prefer to read actual paper books. A Pew Research study found that 78 percent of those from ages 18 to 24 have read a print book in the past year—compared with 21 percent who have read an e-book. This inclination is somewhat surprising, because young people are less likely than their elders to read newspapers and magazines in print.

The University of Washington did a pilot study that provided e-textbooks free—and found that 1 of every 4 students bought the physical textbooks anyway. Asked what format they would have chosen absent the free e-book option, only 2 percent of the students said they would have gotten the digital version, with three-quarters opting for a hard copy.

That's right. A lot of undergrads, given the choice between a free e-book on a device that weighs next to nothing, would rather spend money or go to the library so they can stuff their backpacks with bulky, heavy volumes. They'd rather tote a hard copy of whatever they're reading for pleasure too.

Why? The e-reader's ready access to the Internet can be a major distraction. Email and YouTube aren't conducive to serious study. Naomi Baron, a linguistics professor at American University, did a survey of college students in several countries and found that 92 percent say they concentrate best reading a physical book.

Some young adults articulate strong feelings on the topic. "It's my worst nightmare that some Christmas I'll get a Kindle and have to pretend I like it," says one recent university graduate of our acquaintance.

She likes the satisfaction of finishing a book, placing it on a shelf alongside others and letting it quietly remind her of its contents. "I have a growing collection and I intend to add to it," she says.

Baron says that of the college students polled in Slovakia, "1 out of 10 talked about the smell of books. There really is a physical, tactile, kinesthetic component to reading."

For many young people, and a few older ones, an e-book is a bit like seeing and hearing a loved one on Skype: It's a useful option, but nothing beats a physical connection.

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Go green on Paddy's Earth

Editor's Note: This article was originally slated for publication yesterday but was inadvertently omitted from the op-ed lineup.

It is not just because a son-in-law is Irish that I remember St. Patrick's Day, in honor of the Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop who bloomed Christian civilization in Ireland's *Gaeltachts*. Tales narrate that a 16-year-old son of a deacon and grandson of a priest was abducted and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. As a shepherd, he found "God" who instructed him to flee back home. Patrick did and became a priest; he returned to evangelize the island, earning the distinction of Ireland's foremost saint.

The Methodist Church that grew me up, though descended from the Anglican Communion that recognizes St. Patrick's Day as one of its feast days, was more Protestant with the same habit as the disputation-nailing Lutherans than the purple-garbed ritual-familiar bro-sister of the Episcopal branch of the Union.

Today in America, though more Irish than Catholic, the greens go for *La Fheile Pádraig* who somehow leads a resiliency among the Irish in diaspora, not the least in the international football field in Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, Argentina, Australia, and the United States where they seem to excel.

The remembrance of Patrick actually came to me last "Friday the 13th" when one of my non-theist Chinese guests who knew of my Christian upbringing reminded me that it was *Black Friday* when the night before in the Gospel story, Jesus held the last supper in the upper room where there were 13 around the table. Dan Brown's novel *The Da Vinci Code* popularized the phrase though the mention of "Friday the 13th" came about only after a novel of the same title became a bestseller in the 19th century.

I remembered the abducted Patrick and the Irish commemorate not only the arrival of Christianity in Ireland but also the celebration of the culture and heritage of the island west of Britain. The *ceilithe*, a social gathering of folk music and dancing keeps the hearth food-filled; public parades and festivals are common as the cold of winter is replaced by the green shoots of spring. The wearing of green or shamrocks prevails. The Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol are lifted for the day, giving red faces to many greens in the pubs!

Triune thinking is deep in the Pauline tradition, and with Ireland's custom of triune deities, Patrick conveniently used the three leaves of the Shamrock to name the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost of Christendom and he had no problems explaining the Trinity to the pagan Irish.

In the 1600s, Irish Catholic confederation used the green harp flag and "the wearing of the green" with the shamrock that became the

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color and symbol of St. Patrick's Day. An Anglo-Irish Chivalric Order of St. Patrick was established in late 1700s and adopted "blue" as its color, but Irish nationalism exploded in rebellion against England and "green" became the color of both Catholics and Protestants and secular Ireland's hue.

While St. Patrick is the day's religious focus in mainline Christendom, it is the green that is our solemn secular concern. The green of the Earth is fading as the rains devastate the slopes, the floods ravage the ravines, and the droughts dry up the plains. The "blue" Earth no longer describes the color of an orb in the skies, as it is a statement of its internal mood; ze ails in silent wail over the climate change!

We are caught in our petty political quarrels. With the U.S. supposedly leading humanity's advanced experiment on democracy, we are witnessing instead a polarization that is real, focused on warring individuals, and ironically attributed to the first black President elected by the nation, by no means lacking in intelligence, good sense, and congeniality. Threatened white conservative America shudders at a new dispensation of extreme diversity that has come to overwhelm the privileged class, and the center is appearing weak and indecisive to hold up the stress and strain.

If we focus on the greening of the planet rather than on our addiction to green bucks, we stand a chance. America's democracy can lead a global pact but we find faults in an awakened and ascendant China, dawdle in fearful trepidation at the prospect of a first female president of the nation, and grovel in our self-sustained anxieties. The funds we pour in order to destroy are considerably more than the efforts we expend to preserve and to conserve the waning health of Mama Gaia.

Some look for miracles on St. Patrick's Day. On Earth, the option to be green, for persons, political parties, and the planet is the only one we've got, or else the Paddy's sign of the cross is raised over our dead bodies in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost! The good news is that no one is coming to bail us out. We are it. Rise up and live!

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Archaeological dig in Garapan

We’ve listened to voices of the indigenous people who thirst to learn of their ancestral history in the ancient burial ground in Garapan. Simultaneously, Best Sunshine desires to fast-track construction of its integrated casino plans. We could make this a win-win situation.

It’s easy to move from point A to B if BSI listens to timely and fitting advice. A scientific archaeological study was undertaken earlier. This hasn’t been completed because of the lack of funds to see it through. Picking it up where the project ended and seeing it through to completion won’t require incurring cost of over a million dollars.

There’s no need to reinvent the wheel. BSI could consult with the local archaeological firm to negotiate a deal that turns the undertaking into a major contribution to our indigenous community.

The idea of a non-scientific dig—plans to wrap recovery of skeleton and historical items—isn’t going to do justice to the project before it. I seriously doubt that the planned “world class” archaeological group could prepare credible data analysis on all findings. As such, there’s the chance to ignore what the indigenous people wish to learn from the digging of an ancient burial ground.

Data recovery has to be scientific so we know the ancient history of ancestors buried in the site and what’s behind artifacts in relationship to the folks in the burial ground. Mr. Mike Fleming of Swift Harper Archaeological Consultant has very interesting information explained in his piece. I was able to secure initial understanding of what may have happened then.

I find SHARC’s work, pending final completion, sufficient for both the indigenous people and BSI. The local firm has been on this project for more than 15 years. All that BSI needs to do is pay the fees to cover expenses already incurred and the balance of the project. I’m sure it won’t take a million dollars to wrap up this aspect of the plan.

Doing so grants the indigenous people a peace of mind including BSI enabling the latter to fast track its project quicker than by reinventing the wheel.

Culture v. success

Among renowned professionals in education and culture, a question was raised whether culture is a plus or minus in determining the future success of a child. Indeed, it looks like a thorny and heavy issue that would require critical review. However, it merits healthy discussion.

Took an in-depth look at issues in my culture that would have derailed my determination to move ahead some 40 years ago. Did

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my lingo hold me back or wasn’t it the primacy of my spirit and being as a sibling of these pearly isles?

Were farming and fishing aberrant deterrents? Nope! These were foundational pillars upon which was founded the cultural tradition of our people. It became a tool we’ve honed and the vehicle we hitched on learning survival in the heavy and mind numbing depression of the ’60s. Culture was the foundation of our growth and development as students.

What then was the key issue in the eventual success of most kids in career development in subsequent years? There’s the convenient excuse of poverty derailing poor kids from succeeding in school. But isn’t the greater truth found in how families shape their children’s prospect more profoundly than what anyone else could do?

I grew up in abject poverty and had to slug it out day and night to exit its filthy swamp. Yes, there was painful fog of the hard though golden days of yesteryears. But it made us better people going through the grind of abject poverty, daily. We wanted to succeed and we did! It was one well-earned trophy in what seemed a never-ending journey.

Asians that now make up more of new migrants across the country have placed the highest premium in the education of their children. Only until they graduate from college could they get parental kudos. I’ve seen this too among Japanese, Chinese and Korean friends. Their goal is the education of their children. They walk the extra mile each day to support the education of their kids.

Now, could we claim the same in placing primacy in the education of our children? Or is it an inconsequential issue to deal with when we find time for it? Reset your buttons and place a high premium in the education of your children. Only you as parents could help them set their goals to navigate life after mom and dad (LAMD).

Is culture a deterrent? It isn’t! It is our foundation! It’s a personal assertion and I’m interested in reading your take on this issue. It’s healthy to start discussion on this and other issues of significance that shape the future of our young people.

The problem isn’t Hillary, it’s the Democrats

Kinsley’s Law, discovered by journalist Michael Kinsley in the 1980s, states that, “The scandal isn’t what’s illegal, the scandal is what’s legal.”

A variant applies to Hillary Clinton and her emails. The scandal is not that she may have broken rules, it’s that the Democratic Party is allowing her to march unopposed to a coronation.

OK, “scandal” is not exactly the right word. “Travesty” or “outrage” are more fitting.

Producing presidential candidates is a central function of the modern political party. If one party in the semi-official duopoly of power we have in this country fails to produce a slate of credible candidates in an open election year (no incumbent running for re-election), voters are poorly served.

A pollster friend of mine who knows that I am a hopeless fan of the Chicago Bears reminded me of what Arizona Cardinal’s coach Dennis Green said after losing to the Bears in 2006: “The Bears are what we thought they were.”

The Clintons are what we thought they were. Exactly.

There cannot be a single voter in America that is surprised Hillary is already boiling in a scandal, or pseudo-scandal, depending on your perspective. Love them or hate them, this is what they do and this is what happens to them. Fair or unfair, this is their mythic cycle, their dramatic fate.

Perhaps this is the act that ends Hillary’s performance, but probably not. And perhaps, if she stays in the race, there will be no more scandal dramas before November 2016, but probably not.

The very simple point is that Democratic Party is insane to have put itself in this position—this entirely predictable situation. After all, Hillary did lose to an unlikely newcomer in 2008, Barack Obama. She’ll obviously be beatable in a general election.

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Some blame the Clintons, which is wrongheaded. It’s not their fault that they scared off all credible opposition and ran the most effective pre-primary of any modern campaign (thus far). That is exactly what they are supposed to do.

It is the job of the party to create competition and breed national candidates of stature. Mock the Republican field if you want, at least it is a field and not just a pitcher’s mound.

I have argued before that the Democrats have become the conservative party in America, the Establishment Party more protective of the status quo and big business than the Republicans. This is yet another sign.

The Democrats are arguably more invested in the Political-Industrial Complex. Their legions aren’t true believers but consultants, lobbyists, vendors, hacks, ambassadors-in-waiting and aspiring political appointees. Not backing Team Clinton is a bad career move. But now they have a problem.

I’ve also made a wacky prediction that Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine will be the Democratic nominee, not Clinton. In that depleted party, he looks like the best Plan B out there.

Hillary’s emails may or may not be a real scandal, but the Democratic Party’s complicity in this coronation certainly is.

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Quintet Quodlibet on Saints

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A Sonnet for Saint Patrick’s Day

Green gewgaws start appearing in variety stores before Valentine’s Day
Green leprechaun t-shirts, shamrock ties, and hats sold by the score
Plenty of green beer everywhere even a green river runs in Chicago today
New York’s parade has Irish pipes, policemen, marching bands, and more
Over in Erin folks used to get up and go to morning Mass in a local church
They would eat a simple meal of beef, potatoes, tea, and Irish soda bread
Many Irish will leave the big green scene commercial machine in the lurch
While from underneath ladies wool scarves peeks hair of beautiful red
St. Patrick departed the Emerald Isle over fourteen hundred years ago
Kidnapped in Scotland and brought as a slave to Erin when a young boy
After six years he escaped to return to Scotland in a boat he could row
He later returned to Ireland bringing Druids Irish Catholic guilt and joy
Now Patrick is used as an excuse for people to drink booze like a fish
From green beer to Irish whiskey dear—they all wish they were Irish

Some Saints in Paint and Statues

Saints clothed in gilt and paint reside in churches
Homes, grottoes, and museums all over the world
As statues in temples, parks, cemeteries, and squares
Carried in processions and parades with banners unfurled
Religious allegorical paintings often show them at the moment
Of their martyrdom, where and how they were tortured
With some noted exceptions of course. Saint Francis of Assisi
Is often portrayed talking to and feeding birds in an orchard
They are often on the side of naves, in small chapels, even caves
With prayer candles and incense burning below them or in front
Some you’ll find over a church entrance door or a baptismal font
Those placed outside are often missing parts, stained with rust,
Blackened by pollution and industrial grime, they stand alone
Cast in bronze, steel, or carved from wood, marble or limestone

Some Old Saints

There have been many, we can never know them all
In burial mounds and cities, some below sea level
Some at peace, others fighting when they met their fall
Defended their families, their country, fought the devil,
Now they ossify in many the ancient reliquary
Supine in a wooden or lead box, they lay low,
Sit or stand in temple or church statuary
Around their heads some religions place a halo
Farmers, fishers, cities regard many as a patron
Forming part of a Godhead to whom followers pray
Goddesses of mercy, Kuan Yin, Virgin Mary their matron
Animals, boats, crops get blessed on their patron saint’s day
St. Peter was crucified on a cross shaped like an ‘X’
Joan of Arc was burned at the stake over politics and sex

Some Now Saints

They are sanctified sometimes by the slightest mishap
Over a period of time their legend takes shape
Murdered by terrorists, taken en masse by kidnap
Brutalized on buses and in fields with gang rape
Superstitious astrologists say born under a bad sign
Prophecies ignored by sanctimonious church goers
Brought closer to heaven with beer, whiskey or wine
Saved for a productive life by vaccine growers
Gassed and jailed for anti war and civil rights protests
Neglected and ignored by some, they were all kind
Fearful of criminal perpetrators released without arrest
Vaguely remembered when their good deeds come to mind
Many modern saints you won’t recognize when you meet
They may be your friends or neighbors across the street


Some Future Saints

Astronomers and DNA diggers will try and find them
Social network sites won’t carry all their numerous views
On either side of the Gaza Strip or in Bethlehem
They may be an app or a small slot on the evening news
Future saints will be seen every night on some cyber stage
Biographic blogs and tattle tale tweets will tell their holy story
Robotic and partially cloned saints will be all the rage
Read their DNA strands in three dimensional glory
Some will distract us with names: monk, guru, or priest
Big trouble makers may even try to become the Pope
Yet continue to wallow in the belly of the beast
Wandering through Dante’s Inferno without any hope
There are future saints among our own sisters and brothers
If they died having loved and respected their own mothers

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲86° ▼75°


THURSDAY



Mostly sunny with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼75°


FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼75°


SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼75°

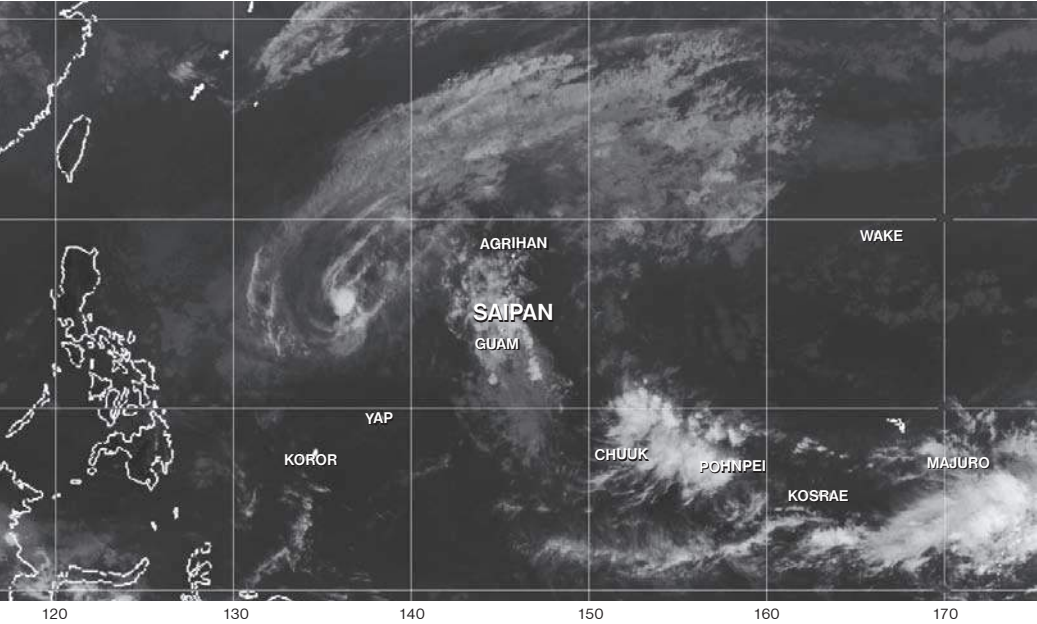
SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼75°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical storm Bavi (03W) is centered 610 miles west-northwest of Guam near 15N136E moving west-northwest at 17 mph with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found between 21N and 11N from 140E to 138E. Scattered showers extend southeastward from Bavi over the Marianas within 100 miles of a line from 17N143E to 8N149E. For more information on Tropical Storm Bavi, refer to warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by The National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Converging southeast winds well east of Tropical Storm Bavi are triggering scattered showers over the Mariana Islands within 120 miles of a line from 17N143E to 9N147E. A frontal boundary runs west-southwestward from 24N180E to 22N165E, then continues as a shear line to end near 18N138E. Extensive cloudiness and scattered showers are found between 25N and 19N from 137E to 161E. Cloudiness and patchy showers are located along and up to 170 miles north of this boundary east of 22N161E. Converging east to southeast winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Pohnpei state and just northeast of Chuuk within 120 miles of a line from 10N151E to 7N160E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of the Marshall Islands within 190 miles of a line from 3N168E to 7N and the date line. Scattered showers associated with a trade-wind convergence zone are occurring north of Majuro and Kosrae within 70 miles of a line from 9N160E to 7N165E to 12N180E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼73
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼71
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼58
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼38
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼67
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼68
London	Showers	▲60	▼40
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	▲81	▼60
Manila	Sunny	▲91	▼69
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲80	▼63
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼66
New York	Showers	▲57	▼31
Osaka	Rain	▲71	▼61
Paris	Sunny	▲64	▼41
Pusan	Rain	▲57	▼47
Rome	Showers	▲58	▼48
Salem	Showers	▲59	▼44
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼52
Seoul	Rain	▲62	▼40
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼52
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼34



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
12:41 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1Feet
7:24 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
1:15 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
6:43 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:24 AM	6:28 PM
Thursday	6:23 AM	6:28 PM
Friday	6:22 AM	6:28 PM
Saturday	6:22 AM	6:28 PM
Sunday	6:21 AM	6:29 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	4:13 AM	4:17P M
Thursday	5:05 AM	5:19 PM
Friday	5:56 AM	6:20 PM
Saturday	6:46 AM	7:22 PM
Sunday	7:37 AM	8:22 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 5, 2015

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:40pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:10am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:35am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C 3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ6063	3:20am	7:10am	3, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C 3401	4:30pm	8:20pm	Daily	OZ6053	8:50pm	2:10am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:25pm	1,5 via GUM
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	7:20am	2, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:10pm	1, 5 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/288	9:40am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:00am	8:05pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	4:50pm	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:50pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:55pm	1:50pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:50pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:55pm	2:40pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5077	10:55pm	2:40pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:55pm	6:25pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:30pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:50pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:55pm	10:10pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:50pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:59pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA184/5038	10:59pm	2:40pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
				UA184/5077	10:59pm	2:40pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5041	10:59pm	6:25pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	10:59pm	8:05pm+1	2 via GUM
				UA184/5043	10:59pm	10:10pm+1	5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/723	2:10am	12:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:40am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ724/605	2:20pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	10:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	10:35pm	3 via GUM	OZ724/605	2:20pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5071	10:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	10:35pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5039	10:55pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	10:30pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5077	10:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
				UA180/5041	10:55pm	6:25pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5077	10:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
				UA180/5043	10:55pm	10:10pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

TINIAN TO SAIPAN			SAIPAN TO TINIAN			SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily			
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily			
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily			
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily			
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily			
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily			
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily			
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily			
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						

Transpacific Group supports 'Walk for the Red'

» 29th American Red Cross Walkathon to receive 30 Subway Giant Subs, 3,900 Coke and Foremost beverage units, and 400 Scoops Waffle Cones

Transpacific Group of Companies—composed of Subway, Coca-Cola, Foremost, Glimpses Advertising and Publications, and Scoops—has renewed its commitment to be the premier sponsor of the 29th American Red Cross Walkathon, “Walk for the Red.”

On its ninth year as the premier sponsor of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter signature fundraiser, Transpac Group will serve 30 Subway Giant Subs on Saipan, the equivalent of 3,900 single-serve beverage units, and give away 400 Scoops Waffle Cones to participants on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Volunteers from the Transpac Group staff and management, and their families will hand out to walkers Subway sandwiches, Foremost Quench Purified Water and Foremost Milk at the food and beverage station at the 4-H Building in Susupe.

Coca-Cola Hydration Team will serve Powerade, water and fresh fruit along the 10-kilometer route from Susupe to Gapan Fishing Base and back.

At the health fair booth, Foremost and Coca-Cola servers will give out samples of healthful drinks including Foremost Fruita+ juice drinks that are made with real fruit juice and vitamin C, Foremost Non-fat Milk, glaceau vitaminwater, glaceau fruitwater, Coke Zero, Diet Coke, and Sprite Zero.

In addition, Glimpses Publications through its monthly lifestyle magazine, *BRM*, and Glimpses Advertising will provide free advertising and event coordination services for the event.

Marcos W. Fong, executive vice president, Transpacific Group of Companies, says supporting the American Red Cross aligns with the commitment and priority of the group in Guam and on Saipan to maintain corporate social responsibility in the communities where it does business.

“The American Red Cross Walkathon is one of the numerous ways that we stay connected and engaged with our island community. We are



POST-BAVI CLEANUP

Judiciary building superintendent Gerald Weaver supervises Monday the clearing of a big tree that was toppled by Tropical Storm Bavi, causing a minor dent on the building.

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happy to play an active role in empowering our community toward disaster preparedness through our long-term partnership with the American Red Cross,” Fong said.

The 29th American Red Cross Walkathon is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2015. *(Transpacific)*

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Best Sunshine International Ltd. under Imperial Pacific International Holdings, a public company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the owner and operator of an exclusive large-scale integrated gaming resort on the island of Saipan. We invite interested professionals to apply for the following positions.

Senior Accountant

Job Description:

- Oversees a team of accountant on day to day journal entry, consolidation of financials, financial reporting, local tax filing, cost accounting, landed cost analysis, communication with the headquarter accounting staff in Hong Kong
- Under the supervision of Saipan CFO and HK headquarter controller to integrate casino financial reporting with the financial reporting obligation of a public company listed in Hong Kong
- Draft accounting policy and internal control policy
- Participate in semi-annual and annual audit process
- Lead the ERP implementation from the Saipan side and coordinate with other functional areas in this effort
- Cross functional responsibility with casino operations, hotel operations, construction, F&B, etc.

Qualification:

- Degree in accounting with at least 10 years of accounting experience
- Familiar with US GAAP and willing to learn about Hong Kong GAAP (very similar to IFRS GAAP)
- Big 4 audit experience preferred
- Public company experience, CPA preferred
- Team player and willing to participate in an exciting multi-cultural growth experience
- Be willing to relocate to Saipan

Accountant

Job Description:

- Handling payroll timekeeping and processing.
- Provide financial information to management by researching and analyzing accounting data; preparing reports, including: Preparing asset, liability, and capital account entries by compiling and analyzing account information.
- Documenting financial transactions by entering account information.
- Recommending financial actions by analyzing accounting options.
- Summarizing current financial status by collecting information; preparing balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and other reports.
- Substantiating financial transactions by auditing documents.
- Maintaining accounting controls by preparing and recommending policies and procedures.
- Guiding accounting clerical staff by coordinating activities and answering questions.
- Reconciling financial discrepancies by collecting and analyzing account information.
- Securing financial information by completing data base backups.
- Maintaining financial security by following internal controls.
- Preparing payments by verifying documentation, and requesting disbursements.
- Answering accounting procedure questions by researching and interpreting accounting policy and regulations.
- Complying with federal, state, and local financial legal requirements by studying existing and new legislation, enforcing adherence to requirements, and advising management on needed actions.
- Preparing special financial reports by collecting, analyzing, and summarizing account information and trends.
- Maintaining customer confidence and protects operations by keeping financial information confidential.
- Maintaining professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks; participating in professional societies.
- Other related duties.

Qualification:

- Must have experience with payroll software acquisition, implementation, and management.
- Accounting, Corporate Finance, Reporting Skills, Attention to Detail, Deadline-Oriented, Reporting Research Results, Confidentiality, Time Management, Data Entry Management, General Math Skills.
- A bachelor's degree in accounting preferred; equivalent degree may be considered.
- At least two (2) years of related experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license is preferred.

Application procedure: Please email your detailed comprehensive resume, including salaries, dates of employers, and dates of any college degree. If you are claiming college degree or CPA, you are also required to attach a copy of those credentials to your resume. All documents must be emailed to hr@bestsunshineint.com. For more information, please go to the CNMI Department of Labor website under vacancies.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-005, Rev.1

W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project is composed of a Base Bid Items and 3 Additive Bid Items. The base bid consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity mains from existing W-4 lift station to the new W-5 lift station, installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFICI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of the W-4 generator building and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. Additive Bid No. 1 consists of archaeological and unexploded ordnance standby and monitoring services. Additive Bid No. 2 consists of a bar screen and appurtenances for the new W-5 lift station. Additive Bid Item No. 3 consists of the installation of new gravity sewer main and manholes from existing W-6 lift station to W-5 such that W-6 can be eliminated; demolition of the W-6 electrical building, new laterals, and the restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **March 27, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-005, Rev.1, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 21, 2015**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of **fifteen percent (15%)** of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 2, 2015** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Chief Engineer via email at john.riegel@cucgov.org and Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water & Wastewater via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Business

Coke a good snack? Health experts who work with Coca-Cola say so

NEW YORK (AP)—Coca-Cola is working with fitness and nutrition experts who suggest its soda as a treat at a time when the world's biggest beverage maker is being blamed for helping to fuel obesity rates.

In February, several of the experts wrote online posts for American Heart Month, with each including a mini-can of Coke or soda as a snack idea. The pieces—which appeared on nutrition blogs and other sites including those of major newspapers—offer a window into the many ways food companies work behind the scenes to cast their products in a positive light, often with the help of third parties who are seen as trusted authorities.

Ben Sheidler, a Coca-Cola spokesman, compared the February posts to product placement deals a company might have with TV shows.

"We have a network of dietitians we work with," said Sheidler, who declined to say how much the company pays experts. "Every big brand works with bloggers or has paid talent."

Other companies including Kellogg and General Mills have



This March 7, 2015 photo shows 8.5 ounce bottles of Coca-Cola at the Cadillac Championship golf tournament in Doral, Fla. AP

used strategies like providing continuing education classes for dietitians, funding studies that burnish the nutritional images of their products and offering newsletters for health experts. PepsiCo Inc. has also worked with dietitians who suggest its Frito-Lay and Tostitos chips in local TV segments on healthy eating. Others use nutrition experts in sponsored content; the American Pistachio Grow-

ers has quoted a dietitian for the New England Patriots in a piece on healthy snacks and recipes and Nestle has quoted its own executive in a post about infant nutrition.

For Coca-Cola Co., the public relations strategy with health experts in February focused on the theme of "Heart Health & Black History Month." The effort yielded a radio segment and multiple online pieces.

McDonald's workers detail burns, job hazards

NEW YORK (AP)—McDonald's workers in 19 cities have filed complaints over burns from popping grease, a lack of protective equipment and other workplace hazards, according to labor organizers.

The complaints are the latest move in an ongoing campaign to win pay of \$15 an hour and unionization for fast-food workers by publicly pressuring McDonald's to come to the bargaining table. The push is being spearheaded by the Service Employees International Union and began more than two years ago. Already, it has included protests around the country and lawsuits

alleging workers weren't given their rightful pay.

The burns and other hazards were detailed in complaints announced Monday and filed with U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration in recent weeks. Workers cite a persistent lack of gloves for handling hot equipment and say they've been burned while cleaning grills that have to be kept on. One worker says he was told by a manager to, "put mayonnaise on it, you'll be good."

The complaints also detail a lack of training for handling hot fryers and slipping on wet floors.

A representative for the Labor

Department, Laura McGinnis, confirmed the complaints were received by OSHA but said the agency does not discuss ongoing investigations.

In a statement, McDonald's Corp. said the company and its independent franchisees are committed to providing safe working conditions for employees, and will review the allegations. "It is important to note that these complaints are part of a larger strategy orchestrated by activists targeting our brand and designed to generate media coverage," Heidi Barker Sa Shekhem, a McDonald's spokeswoman, said in the statement.

Adidas to end NBA partnership after 2016-2017 season

NEW YORK (AP)—NBA teams will no longer be outfitted by Adidas after the 2016-17 season, as the shoemaker and sports gear company said Monday it wouldn't renew its partnership with the league.

The league had already informed Adidas that it was opening the bidding for the next contract, according to a person familiar with the process. The NBA is expected to announce a new partnership sometime around its Board of Governors meeting next month, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details are still being finalized.

But Adidas, which has slipped to No. 3 in sporting ap-

parel sales in the U.S., behind Nike and Under Armour, said in a statement that it wouldn't bid.

The company, based in Herzogenaurach, Germany, said that "while we have enjoyed a successful long-term relationship with the league, we continually review our partner agreements to ensure they are meeting our investment and delivering on our brand and business needs."

Adidas became the exclusive outfitter for the NBA, WNBA and NBA Development League in 2006 under an 11-year deal. Adidas supplies the NBA with uniforms and holds the rights to NBA-branded merchandise worldwide.

It also has individual endorse-

ment deals with top NBA players such as Chicago's Derrick Rose, Houston's Dwight Howard and All-Stars Damian Lillard of Portland and John Wall of Washington.

Global brands head Erich Stamminger left the company last year and CEO and Chairman Herbert Hainer had recently announced he would step down, leadership shake-ups that could have created uncertainty for the NBA.

That could leave the door for Nike, the partner before Adidas, to move back in, or Under Armour, which has seen its basketball business grow thanks to the success of Golden State star Stephen Curry.

Nation

Durst heir faces murder charge after documentary's broadcast

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Robert Durst couldn't explain away similarities between his handwriting and a letter he said "only the killer could have written" that alerted police to his friend's shooting 15 years ago.

Confronted with new evidence by the makers of a documentary about his links to three killings, the troubled millionaire blinked, burped oddly, pulled his ear and briefly put his head in his hands before denying he was the killer.

Then he stepped away from the tense interview and went to the bathroom, still wearing the live microphone that recorded what he said next.

"There it is. You're caught!" Durst whispered before the sound of running water is heard. "What the hell did I do? Killed them all, of course."

That moment didn't just make for a captivating finale to a six-part documentary on the eccentric life of an heir to a New York real estate fortune.

It also may have given police and prosecutors more evidence in the long-cold case of a mobster's daughter. Susan Berman was felled by a bullet to the back of her head as investigators prepared to find out what she knew about the disappearance of Durst's wife in 1982.

Los Angeles prosecutors filed a first-degree murder charge Monday that alleges

Durst lay in wait with a gun and killed a witness—special circumstances that could carry a death sentence if prosecutors decide later to pursue it.

Durst, 71, who was arrested at a New Orleans hotel on the eve of Sunday's final episode, agreed Monday to face trial for the murder of Berman, who had vouched for him in public after his wife vanished.

Attorney Dick DeGuerin said outside court that Durst didn't kill Berman, and is "ready to end all the rumor and speculation and have a trial."

The makers of "The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst" said Durst rejected his lawyer's advice to stay quiet before granting two lengthy interviews. They also said he knew he was being recorded throughout, and that they shared any evidence they gathered with authorities long before broadcasting the film on HBO.

Legal experts said the bathroom tape could become key evidence.

"Any statement that the defendant makes that they want to use against him, they can use against him," said Andrea Roth, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley. "Even if it's sketchy, and only in context appears to make him look guilty."

Kerry Lawrence, a defense attorney in Westchester County, New York, said Durst's law-

yers will have to try to explain away his comments, perhaps dismissing them as a joke.

"Prosecutors would argue it was a candid moment of self-reflection, and he I assume will argue that he knew he was still being recorded, and this was either said in jest or he was being facetious or sarcastic or was being provocative," Lawrence said. "I don't think it's quite the smoking gun."

The bathroom recording was not part of the evidence presented to prosecutors before charges were filed because detectives were still trying to determine if the recording was tampered with in any way, a law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press.

The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly because the investigation was ongoing and spoke on condition of anonymity, said the handwriting analysis was the key new evidence in the long investigation.

The documentary showed filmmaker Andrew Jarecki confronting Durst with a copy of an anonymous letter that alerted Beverly Hills police to look for a "cadaver" at Berman's address.

Durst offered that whoever sent it was "taking a big risk. You're sending a letter to police that only the killer could have written."

Attorney: Ferguson shooting suspect didn't target officers

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP)—A man accused of shooting two officers last week in Ferguson was not targeting police or aiming at demonstrators at a late-night protest, his attorney said Monday as he countered an earlier police description of the crime.

Defense attorney Jerry Christmas also suggested that St. Louis County police may have used excessive force when arresting the suspect, Jeffrey Williams, saying his client had bruises on his back, shoulders and face and a knot on his head.

Police spokesman Brian Schellman called the lawyer's allegations "completely false," adding that Williams was seen by a nurse when booked into the county jail, standard procedure for all incoming inmates.

"The nurse released Williams as fit for confinement," he said.

Williams is accused of shooting the two officers Thursday outside Ferguson's police station, which has been the scene of protests since last summer's fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

Williams, 20, appeared in court Monday morning, one day after his arrest on charges of felony assault, armed criminal action and a weapons offense. His case was continued until March 31.

Christmas did not appear at the brief hearing and said he first spoke with his client late Monday afternoon.

"This wasn't any type of ambush shooting," Christmas said in an interview with the AP, countering an earlier description by St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar of the March 12 shooting outside Ferguson police headquarters. "Those officers were shot accidentally."

Williams also told inves-

tigators he was not targeting law enforcement and had been aiming instead at someone with whom he had a dispute, authorities said. But that assertion was met with skepticism by St. Louis County Prosecutor Robert McCulloch.

"We're not sure we completely buy that part of it," the prosecutor said Sunday.

Christmas said he wasn't aware of any details regarding a possible dispute that could have preceded the shooting.

But Ferguson activist Derrick Robinson said Sunday that Williams told him during a jail visit that he had been robbed earlier on the day of the shooting and returned to the protest zone to retaliate. On Monday, Robinson referred inquiries to Christmas.

The shooting happened as a demonstration began to break up. The protest followed the resignation of city Police Chief Tom Jackson in the wake of a Justice Department report that found widespread racial bias in the city's police practices.



Williams

Starving sea lion pups stranding on California beaches

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (AP)—The starving sea lion pup was so tiny that it looked like a rock at the base of the seaside cliff until it struggled to raise its head as humans approached.

It bleated weakly as volunteer Brennan Slavik eased it into a crate for transport to a rescue center, where it peered from a child's playpen with woe-filled eyes made enormous by an emaciated frame.

At almost a year, the pup weighed just 23 pounds—a third of what it should—and staff quietly took it to a pri-

vate room, euthanized it and moved on.

It's a scenario playing out daily in California this year as rescue centers struggle to keep up with hundreds of sick and starving sea lion pups washing up along the coast. More than 1,650 pups have been rescued since January from beaches, but also from inside public restrooms, behind buildings and along railroad tracks.

It's not unusual to have some sea lions wash up each spring as the pups leave their mothers, but so far, the number of stranded babies is more than five times greater than in 2013, the worst season in recent memory.

"These animals are coming in



AP
From left, Kirsten Sedlick, Daniel Connor, Ashley Cook and Brennan Slavik tube-feed the rescued sea lion pups at the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, Monday, March 2, 2015, in Laguna Beach, Calif.

same period last year.

The situation is so bad that Sea World suspended its sea lion show so it can focus on rescue efforts. The theme park has treated 400 pups—more than twice the number it would care for in a typical year—and constructed two temporary pools to house them.

Scientists aren't sure what's causing the crisis, but suspect that warmer waters from this

winter's mild El Nino weather pattern are impacting the sea lion birthing grounds along the Channel Islands off the Southern California coast.

The warm water is likely pushing prime sea lion foods—market squid, sardines and anchovies—further north, forcing the mothers to abandon their pups for up to eight days at a time in search of sustenance.

The pups, scientists believe, are weaning themselves early out of desperation and setting out on their own despite being underweight and ill-prepared to hunt.

Sea lions wouldn't normally start showing up in large numbers until April or May but this year, rescue centers began to get calls in December, said Matassa.

ACROSS THE NATION

Oregon is first state to adopt automatic voter registration

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Seventeen years after Oregon decided to become the first state to hold all elections with mail-in ballots, it took another pioneering step on Monday to broaden participation by automatically registering people to vote. Gov. Kate Brown signed a bill that puts the burden of registration on the state instead of voters. Under the legislation, every adult citizen in Oregon who has interacted with the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division since 2013 but hasn't registered to vote will receive a ballot in the mail at least 20 days before the next statewide election. The measure is expected to add about 300,000 new voters to the rolls. "It just changes expectations for who's responsible for making elections work," said Barry Burden, a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and director of the Elections Research Center. "In every oth-

er state it's the responsibility for the voters to make sure it happens." Some other states have considered such legislation but none has gone as far as Oregon.

Los Angeles rookie officer wanted on suspicion of murder

POMONA, Calif. (AP)—An arrest warrant was issued Monday for a rookie Los Angeles policeman suspected of killing a man during a fight in Pomona while he was off duty. The murder warrant is for Henry Solis, 27, who should be considered armed and dangerous, according to a statement from Pomona police. Solis' Volkswagen Jetta was found Sunday about four blocks from where the shooting occurred, and he may be driving a 1992 brown or tan Ford pickup truck with license plate number 4J79703, police said. Solis is suspected of shooting Salome Rodriguez, 23, of Ontario, around 3:30 a.m. Friday during a fight near Third and Main streets in this city east of Los Angeles. He died at a hospital.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the) FCD CN CIVIL
Petition for the) ACTION
Change of Name of:) NO. 15-0130

Erlinda V. Naputi) **NOTICE OF
Petitioner) HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the

above-entitled matter is set for a hearing

on April 2, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in

Courtroom 205A before Honorable Judge

L. Kenneth Govendo.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2015.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Wilma Travilla
P.O. Box 503719
Saipan, MP
Telephone No. (670) 234-3622 (483-6936)

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IN RE THE MATTER OF) FCD GU CIVIL
THE APPOINTMENT OF) ACTION
GUARDIAN OF) NO. 15-0132
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J-N. J.B.T. (6/3/1999),) HEARING
J.R.Z.T. (7/30/2004))
And A.R.Z.T. (11/7/2006))
Minor Children)
by)
Wilma B. Travilla)
Petitioner)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition

for Appointment of Guardian for the estate

of the above-named minor children by

Wilma B. Travilla, Petitioner, was filed with

the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for

Guardianship will be held at the

above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior

Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L.

Govendo on the 2nd day of April, 2015 at

10:30 A.M. or soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
By: /s/
Deputy Clerk of Court

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB15-DCCA/NAP-057 (A-C)

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MARCH 30, 2015 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

"TO PURCHASE SIX (6) REFRIGERATORS, SIX (6) RECTANGULAR PLASTIC FOLDING TABLES AND THIRTY-SIX (36) FOLDING CHAIRS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - DIVISION OF N.A.P."

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ LAURA T. OGUMORO
SECRETARY OF DC&CA

/S/HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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CNMI GOVERNMENT

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ZONING PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT

The Zoning Board and Office would like to advise the public that the Conditional Use public hearing for Best Sunshine Resort & Casino scheduled for tomorrow, March 19th, has been postponed until further notice.

Thank You,

/s/ Zoning Office

DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Caller Box 10007, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Office,
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
March 18, 2015

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. LC Corporation	02/27/2015 SLRm-2015-X-011	Photographic Activities	Saipan & Managaha	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (02/27/2015)*
2. Pacific Subsea Saipan Inc	02/27/2015 SPIm-2015-X-012	Dry Dock	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (02/27/2015)*
3. D.T.C Saipan	03/04/2015 SSm-2015-X-013	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (03/05/2015)*
4. YM Micronesia	03/05/2015 STLRm-2015-X-014	Photographic Activities	Spn,TIQ,Rota & Managaha	Shoreline APC	Approved (03/06/2015)*
5. PIC	03/05/2015 SMS-91-X-25(Amend)	Magellan Restaurant Extension	San Antonio	Amendment	Approved (03/12/2015)*
6. Zanybros	03/04/2015 SLRm-2015-x-015	Photographic Activities	Saipan & Managaha	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (03/12/2015)*
7. Sakura CNMI Corporation	03/16/2015 SLR-2015-X-016	Jet Ski Operation	South of Fiesta Resort	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review

Require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Asia

Malaysian police arrest daughter of jailed opposition leader

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysian police arrested the eldest daughter of jailed opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim for alleged sedition on Monday, a move slammed by critics as a clampdown on dissent.

Nurul Izzah Anwar was detained to assist police in their investigation of an opposition rally and also for making “contemptuous remarks that those in the judiciary system had sold their souls to the devil,” national police chief Khalid Abu Bakar said in a statement.

A lawmaker and a vice president of her father’s People’s Justice Party, Nurul Izzah was detained because of a speech she made last week in Parliament, said Fahmi Fadzil, the party’s communications director.

He said the arrest was “ridiculous and outrageous,” noting that lawmakers have immunity over comments made in Parliament. Fahmi said the move was intended to silence the opposition after Anwar was jailed for five years last month when he lost a final appeal against a sodomy conviction.

Anwar’s family said the arrest was “nothing short of intimidation and an abuse of power.” Nurul Izzah went to police voluntarily to give a statement about the opposition



AP
In this Saturday, March 7, 2015 file photo, lawmaker and a vice-president of the People's Justice Party Nurul Izzah Anwar, daughter of opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, speaks to protesters as they gather to demand the freedom of Anwar, in downtown Kuala Lumpur.

rally she participated in earlier this month, said her sister Nurul Nuha Anwar.

“We maintain that the arrest of our sister is illegal and unconstitutional. We deplore the glaring selective persecution,” Nurul Nuha said in a family statement, calling for the release

of her sister.

Khalid said she will be released once police complete their interrogation.

Anwar’s arrest was widely seen at home and abroad as politically motivated to eliminate any threats to the ruling coalition, whose popularity has been

eroding since 2008 after more than five decades of unquestioned dominance. Anwar and his three-member opposition alliance were seen as the most potent political threat to Prime Minister Najib Razak’s ruling coalition.

Anwar led his alliance to un-

Suicide bombers kill 15 people outside Pakistani churches

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—A pair of suicide bombers attacked two churches in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore on Sunday as worshippers prayed inside—killing 15 people in the latest assault against religious minorities in this increasingly fractured country, officials said.

A spokesman for the Pakistani Taliban, Ahsanullah Ahsan, claimed responsibility for the assault in a statement emailed to reporters, and warned, “There will be more of such attacks.”

Afterward, an angry Christian mob blocked a major highway, ransacked a bus terminal and burned two people to death who they suspected of being

involved in the attacks. Christian demonstrators blocked roads in other major Pakistani cities as well.

The explosions occurred in quick succession in the Christian neighborhood of Youhanabad at two churches while parishioners worshipped at Sunday morning services. The churches are about 600 meters (650 yards) apart. At least 70 people were wounded, said Zahid Pervez, the provincial director general of health, who gave the death toll.

Area hospitals filled with casualties and scenes of mourning. Shaheen Bibi’s 10-year-old son Abhishak was among

those killed.

“My son had gone to the church to pray for a good result in his examinations,” Bibi said as she cried and struck her head against the chest of a relative. “He wanted me to sew him some new clothes if he passed his examinations.”

Witnesses said the bombers targeted a crowded gate when a large group of worshippers was waiting to enter one of the churches.

Life in Pakistan is increasingly dangerous for religious minorities, especially Christians. They have been targeted by extremist Sunni Muslim militants and are also discrim-

inated against in the wider society, where they are often limited to menial jobs like garbage collection.

U.S. State Department Spokeswoman Jen Psaki on Monday spoke up for the rights of Pakistani minorities.

“The United States stands in solidarity with the people and government of Pakistan in confronting this type of extremist violence,” she said. “We support the right of every person to practice religion without fear of intimidation, death, coercion or any form of reprisal. This is a basic human right both in Pakistan and throughout the world.”

Afghan army kills commander of Islamic State affiliate

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Afghan army killed a militant commander who had claimed allegiance to the Islamic State group, the Ministry of Defense said on Monday.

In an operation in the southern Helmand province, long a hotbed of insurgent activity, Hafiz Wahidi and nine of his men were killed, the ministry said in a statement.

Wahidi is the second militant commander who claimed links to the extremist IS group, to be killed in Helmand. His uncle,

Abdul Rauf Khadim, was killed in a drone strike in February.

Khadim was a former Taliban commander who had switched allegiance and aligned his followers with the Islamic State group, which controls about a third of Iraq and Syria in a self-declared caliphate. He had allegedly set up an IS recruiting network across southern Afghanistan.

Officials have voiced concern about the IS presence in Afghanistan though the group’s real strength in the

country is unknown.

President Ashraf Ghani has mentioned the threat posed by the group in recent speeches and is due to visit Washington next week—where he is expected to request an extension of the American military presence as his government battles the Taliban, al-Qaida and possibly IS on a number of fronts.

Monday’s operation in Helmand appears to have been part of a major military offensive against the Taliban and other insurgent groups ahead

of the warm-weather fighting season. After being cleared from a number of its strongholds in the past two months, the Taliban has launched a ferocious backlash with suicide bombings and attacks on police and civilians.

A suicide car bomb attack in Lashkar Gah, Helmand’s capital, killed two civilians and one policeman, the governor’s spokesman Omar Zwak said. Another two civilians and two policemen were wounded, he said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Australian archbishop charged with concealing child abuse

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—A Roman Catholic archbishop in Australia has been charged with covering up for a pedophile priest during the 1970s. Archbishop of Adelaide Philip Wilson said in a statement he is disappointed that New South Wales state police had decided to charge him on Tuesday with concealing a serious child sexual abuse offense. Wilson says he will fight the charge, which carries a potential 2-year prison sentence. The charge alleges he failed to report child sex abuse carried out by priest James Fletcher during the 1970s when they both served in the town of Maitland, north of Sydney. Fletcher died in prison aged 65 in 2006, a year into an almost eight-year sentence for raping an altar boy between 1989 and 1991. Wilson is to appear in court on April 30.

Thailand urged to drop charges against anti-junta activists

BANGKOK (AP)—Human rights groups are calling on Thai authorities to drop charges against four activists who expressed dissent against the country’s military rulers and are now being tried in a military court. Human Rights Watch said Tuesday that the junta should stop prosecuting peaceful critics in the military courts, which are controlled by the junta. The military, which took over power from a civilian government last May,

issued a ban on political gatherings of five people or more. It also ordered security-related offenses to be handled by the military tribunals. The four men were arrested last month for holding a campaign to call for martial law to be revoked. An Amnesty International research director said the men would not face a fair trial and should be allowed to protest peacefully.

Myanmar ferry accident death toll climbs to 59

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—The death toll in a weekend ferry accident off Myanmar’s northwestern coast has increased to 59 as more bodies were recovered, state-run media reported Tuesday. The Myanma Ahlin newspaper said that rescuers pulled 23 more bodies out from inside the ship in about 30 meters (90 feet) of water, but that the number of survivors increased to 169 from 167. The crowded government-run double-decker ferry was carrying more than 225 passengers when it left the coastal town of Kyaukphyu. The ferry had travelled about 80 kilometers (50 miles) north near Myebon in Rakhine state Friday night when it hit rough seas and capsized after taking on water. Boat accidents due to overcrowding and bad weather are common in Myanmar’s river deltas and coastal regions. People rely on boat transport because of the lower cost and the inaccessibility of many areas by road.

World

Netanyahu promises no Palestinian state if he is re-elected

JERUSALEM (AP)—In a frenzied last day of campaigning, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday ruled out the establishment of a Palestinian state and vowed to keep building east Jerusalem settlements as he appealed to hard-line voters on the eve of Israel's closely contested general election.

The moderate opposition, meanwhile, announced a dramatic last-minute machination of its own, removing one of its two joint candidates for prime minister.

Netanyahu, who has governed for the past six years and has long been the most dominant personality in Israeli politics, has watched his standing plummet in recent weeks.

Recent opinion polls show his Likud Party lagging behind Isaac Herzog's Zionist Union. Herzog, who has vowed to revive peace efforts with the Palestinians, repair ties with the U.S. and reduce the growing gaps between rich and poor, confidently predicted an "up-heaval" was imminent.

Late Monday night, it was announced that Herzog's main partner, former Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, had given up an agreement to rotate the prime minister post with him if their alliance wins. It was widely thought that the unusual arrangement was driving away voters.

Tuesday's election caps an acrimonious three-month campaign that is widely seen as a referendum on Netanyahu.

While his comments Monday appeared to be election rhetoric, they nonetheless put him further at odds with the



AP
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu talks as he visits a construction site in Har Homa, east Jerusalem, Monday March 16, 2015, a day ahead of legislative elections.

to the Palestinians would clear the way for Islamic extremists to take control and attack Israel.

"Whoever ignores that is burying his head in the sand. The left is doing that, burying its head in the sand time after time," he said in the video interview.

When asked if that means a Palestinian state will not be established if he is elected, Netanyahu replied, "Indeed."

It was the latest—and clearest—attempt by Netanyahu to disavow his earlier support for Palestinian independence, which he first laid out in a landmark 2009 speech.

"If we get this guarantee for demilitarization and necessary security arrangements for Israel, and if the Palestinians recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people, we will be willing in a real peace agreement to reach a solution of a demilitarized Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state," he said at the time.

international community, boding poorly for already strained relations with the U.S. and other key allies if he wins a third consecutive term.

The hard-line leader has portrayed himself as the only politician capable of confronting Israel's numerous security challenges, while his opponents have focused on the country's high cost of living and presented Netanyahu as imperious and out of touch with the common man.

As Netanyahu's poll numbers have dropped in recent days, he has appeared increasingly desperate, stepping up his nationalistic rhetoric in a series of

interviews to local media to appeal to his core base. Netanyahu has also complained of an international conspiracy to oust him, funded by wealthy foreigners who dislike him, and on Sunday

night, he addressed an outdoor rally before tens of thousands of hard-line supporters in Tel Aviv.

The strategy is aimed at siphoning off voters from nationalistic rivals, but risks

alienating centrist voters who are expected to determine the outcome of the race.

Speaking to the nrg news website, Netanyahu said that turning over captured territory

Sunni brigade forms unlikely alliance with Shiite militias

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP)—Dressed in green and carrying a heavy rifle, Yazan al-Jabouri paced along the front line on the fringes of the northern city of Tikrit, anxiously awaiting a plan of attack.

For months, al-Jabouri lived in fear of crossing paths with a fighter from the Islamic State group. He had refused to pledge loyalty to the extremist group, and letters had been left on his doorstep threatening to cut his head off. His wife and children also were threatened.

"I wanted nothing to do with Daesh," he said, using the Arabic acronym for the group, also known as ISIS and ISIL. He said 156 homes of his kinsmen

had been destroyed and 16 of his relatives had been killed.

Despite the threats and the violence, he felt he had to take up arms against the extremists, many of whom are fellow Sunnis.

"I can't sit quietly while they terrorize my people," he said.

Al-Jabouri, a member of one of Iraq's most prominent tribes, is among about 150 Sunnis fighting in a tense alliance alongside the Iraqi army and tens of thousands of Shiite militiamen to try to recapture Tikrit from the Islamic State militants.

While small in number, the Sunni brigade is viewed as a crucial component against the extremists, who captured terri-

tory mainly in Iraq's predominantly Sunni provinces last year.

They receive weapons and supplies from the Iraqi government, much of which al-Jabouri said originates from Iran, which is providing enormous support to Iraqi security forces, training, advising and equipping fighters on the battlefield.

The offensive to retake Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit began March 2. The city is one of the largest held by the Islamic State militants on the road connected Baghdad and Mosul. Iraqi Interior Minister Mohammed Salem al-Ghabban said Monday that the campaign had halted temporarily to allow civilians in the city to

evacuate and to enable troops to clear roadside bombs planted by the extremists.

Sunni grievances have grown since the U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam in 2003 and handed power to the long-oppressed Shiite majority. Under former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, the Sunnis complained of discrimination by the Shiites, saying they were neglected or exploited through corruption.

Over the course of the eight-year U.S. occupation, militants from al-Qaida tried to capitalize on the Sunni grievances, and those extremists soon morphed into the organization that now calls itself the Islamic State group.

Syria's Assad dismissive of Kerry remark on negotiations

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Syrian President Bashar Assad said Monday that only Syrians can decide his future—apparently dismissing U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's remark that Washington would be willing to talk with Assad to help broker a political resolution to the country's civil war.

Asked about Kerry's statement regarding potential talks with the Syrian government, Assad said, "We are still hearing statements and have to wait for actions. Then we will decide." He added that any "talk about the future of the Syrian president is for Syrian people alone."

Assad said Damascus is not concerned about comments made from abroad, describing them as "bubbles that disappear after some time."

The Syrian leader spoke to Iranian TV after a meeting with visiting Iranian Economy Minister Ali Tayebnia. Tehran is

one of Assad's closest allies and strongest backers in his battle against rebels trying to remove him from power.

Kerry said in an interview with CBS News that the U.S. is pushing for Assad to seriously discuss a transition strategy to help end Syria's four-year conflict, which has killed more than 220,000 people since it started four years ago.

Some in the Middle East saw Kerry's statement as a shift in America's policy on Syria after President Barack Obama's repeated calls for Assad to step down. Damascus has long accused Washington and its allies of militarizing Syria's conflict.

Last year, the U.S. joined talks in Switzerland with Assad's foreign minister and members of the U.S.-backed moderate Syrian opposition, but those talks failed when Assad's representatives refused to discuss how to create a transition government.

BRUSSELS (AP)—European powers and Iran made little progress late Monday toward reaching an agreement to end the standoff over Tehran's nuclear program as an end-of-March deadline closes in.

"We're still making progress but there is a long way to go if we're going to get there," British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said, after talks in Brussels with his French, German and Iranian counterparts plus European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini.

The talks were aimed at narrowing gaps in the positions

between Iran and the world powers, as part of a 15 month negotiating process that could see Iran freeze its nuclear program for at least a decade in exchange for the gradual lifting of international sanctions.

Iran says the program is aimed at generating electricity and at medical research, but many in the West fear the Islamic republic is trying to covertly build atomic weapons.

"It's always useful to talk but we, the French, want a solid deal," said French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius. "Certain points are yet to be resolved, we hope we will be able to resolve

them but as long as it's not done, it's not done."

Mogherini, who is negotiating with Iran on behalf of the world's five nuclear powers and Germany, said that all sides were aware how important it is to seal a good deal and that it was not clear whether "a technical solution" to fill the remaining gaps can be found.

"I see the elements for a deal to be reached but I still see the gaps that need to be filled," she said.

Ahead of the meeting, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier urged his international partners and Iran to

"seize this opportunity" of talks in Brussels and in Switzerland this week to finally clinch an elusive deal.

The world powers and Iran have set an end-of-March deadline to reach a framework accord on the way ahead. Some officials have said persistent differences mean negotiators could settle for an announcement that they've made enough progress to justify further talks.

Senior officials from the world powers will continue negotiations with Iran in Lausanne, Switzerland on Wednesday.

Good Housekeeping

Five efficient bathroom-storage solutions

By STEPHANIE SNAY
ANGIE'S LIST

Six in the morning on a Monday—your alarm goes off. After rolling over and pressing snooze more times than you'd like to admit, you spring out of bed and run to your messy bathroom, knowing you have less than 20 minutes to get ready.

You spend the first five minutes searching for the hairbrush. Frustrated and behind schedule, you realize you can no longer wait to find a storage solution for the clutter.

Professional organizers say maximizing the space in your bathroom makes it more efficient and leads to happier mornings. "It saves you time," says Tammy Atchison, owner of The Busy Corner in Houston. "If you have storage solutions and a routine, then you aren't scattered to find things."

For better bathroom storage, follow these five organization tips.

1. Discard unused items

"First, you have to touch everything and make sure you need everything that you have," says Tova Diamond, owner of Everything Has a Place in Nevada City, Calif.

Go through the medicine cabinet. Properly dispose of any expired medications. Do you have six types of shampoo? Recycle the bottles, or give them to a friend. Getting rid of unused toiletries provides more space to store what you really need.

2. Containerize your goods

Diamond recommends using containers to organize your bathroom accessories.

She says to use different sizes to fit different items. They can be cardboard, metal or plastic. "You can pick and choose depending on your aesthetic preference and price range," she adds.

Save money by using what you already have, such as the boxes your checks come in, Diamond says.

3. Use drawer dividers

"Drawer dividers are the most important purchase anyone can make for their bathroom," says Diana Luck, a professional organizer in Portland, Ore. Use them to help keep your bathroom items compartmentalized.

She adds that everything used daily should have a place on the counter. Neitra Blair, owner of Organizing Lifestyles in Houston recommends keeping



makeup used daily in a small three-tiered plastic container. Anything not used daily should be stowed in its own space in a drawer or cupboard.

4. Utilize space throughout the bathroom

Susan Stewart, owner of Perfectly Placed Organization

& Design, in Phoenix and St. Louis, recommends over-the-

door baskets to make use of the back of the cabinet door. Cus-

TAMMY ATCHISON/TNS
Tammy Atchison says a tray for the counter is the No. 1 must have for bathroom organization.

tom shelves or narrow sliding baskets fit around plumbing fixtures below the sink.

Blair says there are great products for hanging hair dryers and curling irons on cabinet doors or attaching them to walls.

You can also make use of the wall space by attaching containers to the wall for towels or other bathroom accoutrements.

5. Think outside the box

In small bathrooms without ample built-in storage, Stewart recommends over-the-door shoe holders with clear pockets to hold hair accessories. She says it's especially helpful to do this when there are multiple children in the household.

A lazy Susan is often associated with the kitchen, but Stewart says they can be great in bathroom cabinets for bottles that stand upright.

Ready, set, landscape

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Last year, Michael and Suzanne Naler won a landscape makeover for their backyard in Newport News, Va., courtesy of Landscapes by Eric Bailey of Yorktown, Va.

Before the \$10,000 redo, the yard was bland, according to the Nalers. They won the prize at a 2014 home and garden show in Hampton, Va., where owner Eric Bailey had a landscape display—www.landscapesbyeb.com.

"We couldn't get any grass to grow up on the hill," says Michael.

"We had a deck that we built, but the yard was missing something. Now the bottom of the yard flows into the upper yard and the plants makes the

hill look more inviting."

To pull the back yard together, Bailey and his crew created a circular patio area where the family can relax around a wood-burning chimera. They also installed lights on two trees in the back natural area to make the space feel larger, and romantic, at night.

"They already had a beautiful deck and look out to a shaded natural area," says Bailey.

"I wanted to give them some color, fragrance, and texture while keeping it fairly low maintenance. We placed hydrangea for summer color, fall-blooming camellias for fall color, osmanthus for sweet fall fragrance and fatsia and yew for texture. Miniature gardenias were planted close to the deck and sunroom for more good smells.

"The biggest maintenance

they have to do during this first year is to water plant material. Then, there will be annual weeding and leaf raking."

Stylish Adirondack chairs with foot stools make the patio a relaxing place to sit and watch the evening unfold, the couple says.

"We really don't use the back yard much different than we did prior to the make over, but now it is more relaxing and we enjoy the scenery more," says Michael.

"We do use the back yard a little more at night than we used to because the tree lighting is there."

Inspired to develop the plan further, the Nalers are hanging hammocks up the hill so they can enjoy the plants and shade more. And, they are extending built-in planters along both sides of the yard so they can bring more plant life into the landscape.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN 101

When planning a landscape project at your home or business, consider these points, says Bailey.

■ Define how you plan to use the space.

■ Know the climate and planting conditions of your area.

■ Develop a plan.

■ Make your wish list of plants and accessories.

■ Set your budget.

■ Consider the upkeep the area will need, and consider how much you like to garden because the space will need maintenance.

■ Try to provide some year-round interest in your plantings.

■ Remember, you can use shrubs with interesting foliage to give texture and contrast in

the landscape. lowers can be added accents.

■ Decide if you want to incorporate a hardscape feature such as a deck or patio in the landscape.

■ Include one of the most important pieces to the puzzle: lighting, which adds such a new dimension to the landscape, plus it offers some additional security.

COMFORT FOOD

White Chocolate and Orange Pie

By HEALTHY EXCHANGES
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If you've not had the pleasure of savoring a delectable pie with the combined flavors of white chocolate and mandarin oranges, then you most certainly have a taste treat awaiting you.

- 1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges, rinsed and drained
- 1 (6-ounce) chocolate pie crust

■ 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant white chocolate pudding mix

■ 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder

■ 1 1/4 cups water

■ 1/2 cup reduced calorie whipped topping

■ 2 tablespoons mini chocolate chips

1. Reserve 8 mandarin orange slices for garnish. Evenly arrange remaining slices in piecrust.

2. In large bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Mix well using wire whisk. Blend in whipped topping.

3. Spread pudding mixture evenly over mandarin oranges. Sprinkle chocolate chips evenly over top and garnish with reserved mandarin orange slices. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Makes 8 servings.

■ Each serving equals: 182 calories, 6g fat, 4g protein, 28g carb., 303mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Fat, 1/2 Fruit.

THIS IS A HAMMER

Mitigating water leaks

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

Q: I've read that ice dams and roof damage can lead to water leaks, but how can I find them? And what can I do if I find a leak?—Janice L., Portsmouth, N.H.

A: If you've noticed ice buildup along your eaves outside, it's a good idea to check inside in those same areas for water leaks. Take a flashlight and go to the part of the house that's as close as possible to the suspect area. Using the flashlight, check the wall and ceiling for light-brown water spots or streaks. If you see them, a leak likely has been occurring for a few days.

Run your hand along the wall and ceiling around the

area, whether you see water spots or not (stand on a step-ladder, not a chair or furniture). If the drywall or ceiling plaster feels damp, cold or a bit spongy in one spot, a leak may be forming. If you smell mildew or mold in an area, dampness is a problem and may be caused by a leak. Mark this and other potential problem areas with a pencil or blue painter's tape.

A leak needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Contact a roofing professional to schedule an inspection and get a quote to remove the ice dams and repair the roof, as well as seal up leaks.

Before the contractor arrives, start minimizing the water damage indoors. Open up the wall or ceiling a bit to let water

flow through freely. In the ceiling, punch a small hole in the center of the damp or water-stained area with a nail, and place a bucket underneath to catch drips.

Leaks behind a wall are more complicated: Often a section of drywall needs to be cut away, as close to the leak source as possible, and a bucket or pan placed beneath the drip. If you have no experience repairing or replacing drywall, enlist an experienced friend or call a contractor to quickly stop further damage until the roof can be repaired. You also may need to contact an electrician to make sure any wiring in a leak-affected area is OK.

TIP: To avoid dampness or leaks in the cellar, shovel snow a foot or two away from the foundation when possible.

Send your home tips and questions to ask@thisisahammer.com.

Life & Style

TV show reunites Cambodian families scattered by Khmer Rouge

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Palms clasped together, tears welling in her eyes, Sam Somaly looked into the camera and issued a desperate plea to three siblings she had not seen in nearly 40 years—family lost a lifetime ago to a nightmare that still haunts Cambodia today.

“I am your sister. I am looking for you,” she said, her voice quavering. “If you hear this ... please come to me. I miss you so much. I’m getting sick because I miss you so much.”

When the Khmer Rouge seized Cambodia in 1975, they literally broke families apart as they systematically emptied cities and forced this Southeast Asian nation’s entire population to work in the countryside in a bizarre attempt to construct an ultra-communist agrarian society.

Somaly knew her parents and one brother were among the nearly 2 million people who succumbed to overwork, starvation and execution during those dark days. But the fate of two remaining brothers and a sister has always been a mystery, a struggle she likens to “finding a needle at the bottom of the sea.”

She has no photos, no birth certificates, no other clues that might help in her search. Two of the siblings were so young when they were separated, they might not even remember her name—or the ones they were given at birth. Today, Somaly probably couldn’t even recognize them if they passed on the street.

But when she had all but given up, a glimmer of hope came not from a government aid program or a humanitarian group, but reality TV.

A show called “It’s Not a Dream” has transformed the darkest episode in Cambodian history into one of the modern world’s rawest forms of entertainment. It has reunited dozens of families separated by the terror of the Khmer Rouge, and when Somaly contacted the station for help, a crew came to film her story.

“I feel like I’m living alone, in the middle of the ocean,” she said in a six-minute video first broadcast in March 2014.

The scene ended with an announcement urging anyone who might know Somaly’s siblings to call the station’s hotline.

For months, there was no response.

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Somaly’s family exists for her today only in the furthest recesses of memory—fuzzy snapshots that are growing dimmer with the passage of time.

When black-clad Khmer Rouge fighters marched into Phnom Penh on April 17, 1975, her family was forced along with the rest of the city’s inhabitants—even its hospital patients—to evacuate. The coun-

try’s new rulers believed they were creating rural communist “utopia,” and everyone was required to help.

Somaly was around 9 at the time, and at a train station outside the capital, she remembers soldiers firing in the air as they ordered people to board. The corpses of those who had refused lay beside the tracks.

In the chaos, she was separated from her family.

The Khmer Rouge banned religion, private property and money, and they viewed family bonds as a threat to the state. They separated husbands from wives, parents from children, brothers from sisters.

Somaly’s family ended up in the northern province of Battambang, where they were dispatched to separate villages. She managed to see some of them on rare occasions—one at a time, briefly, and sometimes only at a distance while they spent 12-hour days digging canals, building dams and tending to rice paddies.

When Vietnamese forces invaded in 1979 and put the Khmer Rouge on the run, Somaly was briefly reunited with her youngest brother, then about 6. But their reunion ended two days later when regime soldiers ambushed the Vietnamese army convoy they had been following. Rockets thundered down, and the pair was separated again.

A year later, Somaly returned to Phnom Penh to try to find her old home—a tiny wooden shack near a hospital that treated soldiers. But her memory was faint and the city had changed. She never found it.

A single clue emerged in the 1980s when a friend in Battambang excitedly recounted hearing a local radio broadcast mentioning what she thought was the name of her older brother—a man looking for lost siblings. They listened together for days, but the announcement was never repeated.

The broadcast was likely engineered by the Cambodian Red Cross, which over the last quarter-century has helped reunite 5,423 families, or about 27,000 people, according to Mam Daro, an official who oversees a reunification project for the organization. Some 4,500 other appeals remain unresolved.

Daro said the number of those applying for help has steadily decreased in recent years. Survivors are slowly dying off, or have given up. Many, like Somaly, were not even aware of the program.

Cambodia also remains a poor, developing nation. Few people can afford to mount a nationwide search, and there are few places to turn for help. Government officials contacted



In this Feb. 11, 2015 photo, Sam Somaly, front, gets off from a bus together with her son-in-law Chey So-cheat, rear, as he holds her 2-year-old grandson Be Sokrit on their arrival at a bus station in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

by The Associated Press said they were unaware of any state-sponsored effort to reunite families.

In 2009, Bayon TV sensed it could fill the gap, and the station began broadcasting appeals for people still looking for loved ones. Seven months later, in mid-2010, the weekly show was on air.

Nearly five years and 48 reunions later, “It’s Not a Dream” has proven to be a hit among older generations who experienced the 1970s trauma.

More than 1,000 people have applied to the station for help, and producer Prak Sokhayouk has 12 staff members who prioritize cases they think they can solve. Those involving children who were under 10 in the 1970s are among the toughest, she said, not only because they were too young to recall key details, but because they were often renamed by their new families. Precious photos were also lost or destroyed—sometimes by families themselves to prevent Khmer Rouge cadres—who were killing anyone deemed educated or urban—from identifying them.

In Somaly’s case, staff typed the names of her family into a national election database. No matches came up. But with possibly three siblings and more extended family likely alive somewhere in Cambodia, they thought they had a chance.

There was little to do but broadcast her story, though, and wait.

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With its schmaltzy music, bluish stage lights, and studio audience, “It’s Not a Dream” is very much stagecraft—so much so, that the show’s producer said “some viewers have asked us, is this reality or a drama? Are those actors?”

That’s because Cambodians “aren’t used to seeing people

so emotional like this, in front of the camera,” Sokhayouk said. “But we’re not making it up. We’re just asking people to tell their stories, to explain what happened to them, and emotions come with that.”

The hour-long show has reunited mothers and sons, brothers and sisters—and it always ends dramatically, with tears.

But it does not appeal to everyone. Most Cambodians alive today were born after the genocide, and Sokhayouk says they’ve had a tougher time getting younger viewers to tune in. “They say it’s a sad story to watch. They don’t want to see people crying,” Sokhayouk said. “Some young people don’t believe the war was so cruel. I didn’t either, until I started listening to the stories that started coming in.”

There is also the question of whether a TV show is the best way to help families torn apart by a genocidal regime, though the people who benefit are clearly grateful and ready to take part.

Dy Khamboly of the Sleuk Rith Institute, which studies the Khmer Rouge period, said he supports anything “that helps the Cambodian people deal with their past” or helps educate younger generations. But he expressed reservations about “any effort that is implicated with business orientation or using the suffering of the people as part of the entertainment.”

Khamboly declined to comment specifically about “It’s Not a Dream,” and said his words were meant generally, in caution.

Sokhayouk said Bayon TV does not care about ratings, and that the aim of the show was humanitarian.

“Many people have already given up hope (of finding their loved ones),” Sokhay-

ouk said. “But they watch and think, ‘This is probably my one last chance.’”

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In July 2014, four months after Somaly’s video plea aired, a retired policeman was channel-surfing and stumbled across a morning repeat of Somaly’s clip. He did not recognize her, but he did recognize a name he hadn’t heard in years—that of her father, Sam Seng.

Aov Vantha, 64, had known Somaly’s parents well, and visited their Phnom Penh home regularly in the early ‘70s. Any remaining doubts disappeared when Somaly mentioned three other names he knew: her missing siblings, Sam Phalla, Sam Somala and Sam Sophath.

Somaly “seemed so lonely ... my heart just went out to her,” Vantha later recalled at his home, an hour’s drive from the capital. “All this time, we never searched for her, because we thought she was dead.”

After the Khmer Rouge fell, most families trekked back to their homelands, but Somaly never did because she thought, wrongly, that she was born in Phnom Penh. In reality, she came from a village next to Vantha’s from which her family had fled to escape fighting in the early 1970s.

Vantha called Bayon TV, told the station what he knew and asked expectantly: “When can I see her?”

“You must be patient,” came the reply.

The reunion, of course, would take place on TV. Until then, Somaly would know nothing.

Sokhayouk, the producer, said the main factor behind delaying it was to allow more time to find at least one of her brothers or sisters. “We’re in no way trying to prolong their

pain,” she said.

Staff also had to fact-check Vantha’s claim to be absolutely sure they were bringing the right people back together. They interviewed other family members by phone, and in November, a TV crew came out to interview Vantha and another cousin for a video that would air when the reunion took place.

That happened last month. Somaly was invited to the studio to recount her story with two other survivors.

The station did not tell her that 15 of her relatives, mostly cousins from her mother’s side of the family, would be secretly waiting behind a partition just off stage.

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When taping got underway, a rapt audience of mainly older Cambodians looked on.

The original video that featured Somaly nine months earlier was repeated, and then came a new one featuring another cousin, and Vantha slicing banana trees on his farm. They both said how much they longed to see her again.

When it was over, the presenter, a smartly dressed young woman with heavy makeup, sat with Somaly on a red couch.

“Do you recognize these people?” she asked.

Somaly said she did not. But the gravity of the intensely bittersweet moment was dawning: Somaly was about to meet long-lost relatives, but not the ones she had wanted most desperately to find.

“They are your cousins,” the presenter said. “Do you want to meet them now?”

On cue, the sound of a violin playing the “West Side Story” tune “Somewhere” filled the studio, and one of the cousins from the video walked on stage.

Somaly, almost dazed, staggered into his embrace. The rest of the family, including Vantha, streamed out and surrounded her as the audience applauded.

When the cameras stopped rolling, a cousin stepped forward and asked, “Do you remember when we used to play hide-and-seek?”

Somaly shook her head. Later, they would drive an hour outside Phnom Penh, down dusty dirt roads to a place where more lost aunts and uncles and distant cousins waited—the place where Somaly was born. Stories would be told, histories remembered, long forgotten faces finally recognized.

But now, lights dimmed on stage, an overwhelmed Somaly turned to the producer to thank her, and make one final plea.

“Please find the rest of my family,” she said. “Please don’t give up.”

Sokhayouk assured her she would not.

Stars join Elton John's call for Dolce & Gabbana boycott

LOS ANGELES (AP)—From the Oscars red carpet to the TV smash “Empire,” Dolce & Gabbana is everywhere in Hollywood. But might that soon change?

Several celebrities have joined the boycott bandwagon launched by Elton John after fashion designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana criticized same-sex parents and the use of in vitro fertilization in an Italian magazine, calling the resulting children “synthetic.”

Courtney Love, Ricky Martin, talk-show host Andy Cohen and “American Horror Story” creator Ryan Murphy are among those pledging to ditch their Dolce & Gabbana clothes and support the boycott.

“My D&G shirts are going in the bin—don’t want ANY-ONE to wear them,” tennis star Martina Navratilova posted on Twitter.

Murphy said not only will he personally cease to wear the brand, he won’t allow the characters in any of his shows to wear it, either.

Dolce & Gabbana has been popular on red carpets and TV and film screens for years.



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In this Jan. 11, 2014 file photo Italian fashion designers Domenico Dolce, right, and Stefano Gabbana acknowledge the applause of the audience after a men's Autumn-Winter 2014 collection, part of the Milan Fashion Week, unveiled in Milan, Italy.

Channing Tatum and David Oyelowo wore the brand's tuxedos to the Oscars. “The Theory of Everything” star Felicity Jones chose one of D&G's

gowns for the Critics' Choice Awards. Mindy Kaling recently donned a colorful frock from the designers on her show, “The Mindy Project.” Taraji P.

Henson, as Cookie Lyons, has also worn Dolce & Gabbana on the Fox hit “Empire.”

Blogger Perez Hilton, who runs a website about fashion

and celebrity, thinks the designers' comments could hurt their Hollywood relationships.

“If a stylist or a celebrity has a choice of a designer to

wear right now, I don't think anybody will be choosing Dolce & Gabbana,” he said. “Because they haven't just offended gay people, they've offended people across the board.”

Most shoppers wouldn't be in a financial position to boycott the designers. A man's pullover sweater costs \$1,100; a cocktail dress could top \$6,000.

Martin blasted the designers on Twitter Sunday, saying their voices are too powerful to spread such hate.

“Wake up, its 2015,” he wrote. “Luv ourselves guys.”

Dolce and Gabbana are both gay and were previously in a relationship with each other.

“To see two very successful gay men with a large platform use that to promote small-mindedness infuriates me,” Hilton said. “We should be promoting openness and acceptance.”

Sean Penn says he is not the next Liam Neeson

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP FILM WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sean Penn surfs, shoots, sprints, punches and fights for his life in the geopolitical thriller “The Gunman.” At age 54, it's easy to assume that Penn, as a rogue ex-special forces officer, is drifting into territory that Liam Neeson claimed just a few years ago with a series of action-heavy box office hits.

Add in the fact that “The Gunman,” in theaters Friday, is directed by Pierre Morel, who launched the “Taken” franchise and Neeson's renaissance and the comparisons seem even more apt.

But for Penn, it couldn't be further from the truth.

“I think Liam Neeson is fantastic. I love Liam Neeson. But he's a 6-foot-4, melodically voiced, masculine figure who is a very good man who's only there to take care of the people he loves,” said Penn on a recent afternoon in the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles. “I am a 5-foot-9, highly conflicted man who's principally taking care of himself.”

Penn is even a little baffled about the cultural focus on Neeson in this case.

“I'm aware of the framing in the culture, but has nobody noticed Harrison Ford all of those years? There've been a lot of “geri-action” heroes,” he added.

In showing extreme situations, whether it's Jason Bourne taking down secret government operations or John McClane

defying the odds to defeat a terrorist and save some hostages, action films can sometimes feel more disconnected from reality than sci-fi. That's, of course, part of the fun for actors and audiences alike.

Penn, however, was drawn to “The Gunman” and the character of Jim Terrier for exactly the opposite reason—it reminded him of people he knew.

Loosely based on Jean-Patrick Manchette's novel “The Prone Gunman,” a 1981 French noir about a mercenary assassin, writers Peter Travis and Don MacPherson reworked the story to have a contemporary setting.

Not only did Penn jump at the chance to bring on some of his friends as consultants, he also took some time to focus and refine the bones of the script, taking what he knows about NGOs and military tactics and applying it to the story.

In the film, audiences meet Penn's character in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2006. A sniper-for-hire, Terrier draws the short straw and gets tasked with assassinating a mining minister, which propels the country into a devastating civil war. Eight years later, while digging wells for an NGO in the Congo, he discovers that there's a hit out for him and sets out across Europe to find out why.

Encountering his own demons (PTSD) and some of his old ex-military colleagues (Mark Rylance and Javier Bardem) who've sold out their skills for

high-powered jobs at shadowy international organizations along the way, Penn notes that though there are real world parallels in “The Gunman,” that it's not meant to be a political movie.

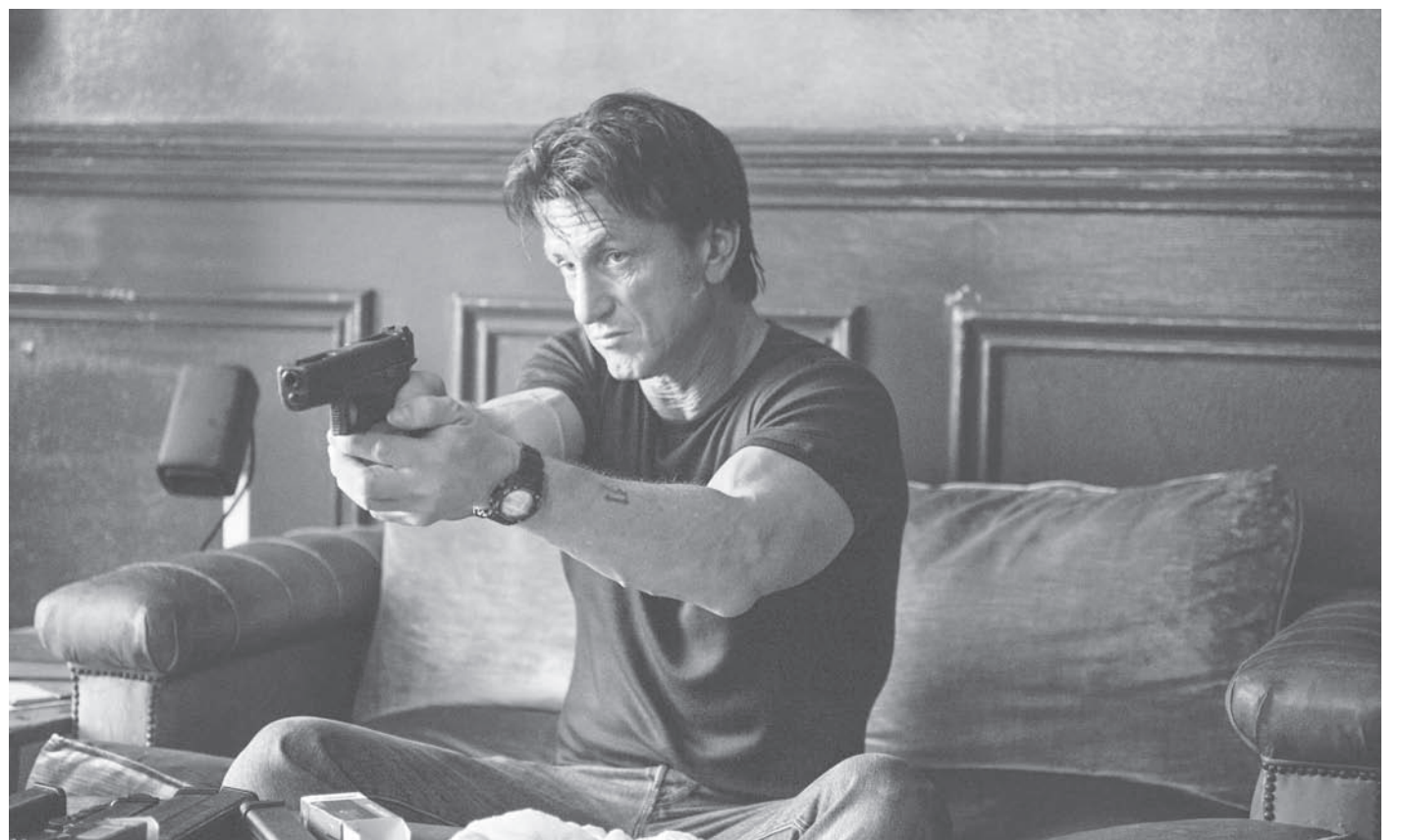
“I don't think there's an enormous amount to be learned politically,” said Penn. The movie, for him, is about the consequences of violence.

Beyond the consultation with his friends, part of the preparation process involved getting

into fighting shape.

“If you're able to do the physical demands of the movie, it changes the way you handle the other scenes and the way you move, the way you look. It's a kind of no-brainer choice,” said Penn of his solid physique, which allowed him to do many of the stunts in the film.

“Sean is whatever character he takes on. He gives 1,000 percent that guy. He becomes that killing machine,” said Morel.



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This photo provided by Open Road Films shows, Sean Penn as Jim Terrier, in a scene from the film, “The Gunman,” opening in theaters on Friday, March 20, 2015.

‘Breakfast Club’ cast members attend anniversary screening

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Ensuring film-lovers won’t forget about them, actresses Molly Ringwald and Ally Sheedy reminisced about making “The Breakfast Club” at a screening of the fully-restored 1985 film on Monday.

To kick-off the South by Southwest film festival screening, which commemorated the film’s 30th anniversary, the Barton Hills Choir serenaded attendees with their own rendition of the movie’s theme song, the Simple Minds’ “Don’t You (Forget About Me).”

The audience at the Paramount Theatre—which was greeted with a table stacked with glazed doughnuts—sang along with the children’s choir, then enthusiastically welcomed Ringwald and Sheedy to the stage for a question-and-answer session.

Sheedy, who now volunteers as a teacher at LaGuardia High School for



Molly Ringwald, left, and Ally Sheedy walk the red carpet for “The Breakfast Club” 30th Anniversary Restoration World Premiere during the South by Southwest Film Festival on Monday, March 16, 2015 in Austin, Texas.

the Performing Arts, said the movie’s message was a loving one.

“You do matter, we are interested in you, and we’re going to tell your story,” she said, adding that she was a bit lonely after production wrapped.

The film chronicles five teens subjected to spend Saturday in detention at the fictional Shermer High School in Illinois. Played by Ringwald, Sheedy, Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall and Judd Nelson, the students aren’t all initially friends, but become close by day’s end.

A blonde Ringwald said she recently saw the movie with her teenage daughter and was surprised to find that her daughter most related to Hall’s character, Brian Johnson. Nicknamed “the Brain,” Johnson was a straight-A student who attempted suicide after flunking an assignment in shop class.

“She felt that I had too many expect-

tations on her,” Ringwald said. “It was this incredible moment where I realized I was the parent.”

Ringwald and Sheedy spoke of their admiration for the film’s writer and director, John Hughes, who died in 2009.

Hughes fan Beth Gleason, 60, took the day off of work as a pastor at an Austin church to volunteer at the theater for the screening. She said she watches the flick at least once a year and “absolutely” wanted to be there Monday.

“It took me back,” she said as she exited the auditorium, grinning.

Mike Firoved, of Irvine, California, said the screening was his favorite event of the film festival, which ends Friday. Also a frequent viewer, Firoved said the movie “can’t help but remind you of your high school days.”

The re-mastered film is already available on Blu-ray Disc and DVD and will hit theaters March 26.

Betty White to get Daytime Emmy lifetime achievement award

NEW YORK (AP)—Show-biz sweetheart Betty White is about to get another dose of love, this time from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The 93-year-old will be honored with this year’s lifetime achievement award next month at the 42nd Annual Daytime Emmy Awards.

In the 1960s, White was a frequent contestant on “Password,” where she met and subsequently wed its host, Allen Ludden. She also appeared on “The Match Game” and “The \$25,000 Pyramid.”



White

She was the first woman to receive an Emmy Award for outstanding game-show host for the show “Just Men.” And she had a recurring role on “The Bold and the Beautiful” from 2006 to 2009.

Previous honorees include Oprah Winfrey, Barbara Walters and Regis Philbin.

The Daytime Emmys will air April 26 on the Pop network.

‘Dancing’ judges talk showmanes, partner patterns and more

NEW YORK (AP)—“Dancing With the Stars” returns Monday night for its 20th season. That’s a lot of spray tanning and glitter—not to mention drama.

The ABC show (8 p.m. Eastern) will shake things up this season in a number of ways, like by live-streaming rehearsals to the Web and presenting the winners with a gold-colored mirror ball trophy (instead of one that looks like a disco ball.)

In a recent interview, judges Bruno Tonioli, Carrie Ann Inaba and Julianne Hough talked about pro dancer backlashes, partner patterns and why we root for “showmanes” (romances between pro dancers and their celeb partners):

Associated Press: Has it gotten harder to judge the dances on ballroom technicality when they’ve become so artistic?

Julianne Hough: When I was on the show competing if I used a chair longer than three seconds ...

Bruno Tonioli: Oh, you used to get hammered.

Hough: You got hammered. It was all about the technique. ... I think it was harder (in the past) to be honest.

Carrie Ann Inaba: We were harder. The first five seasons we were

pretty tough.

Tonioli: But at the same time the show has evolved. The dances have gotten better. The kids have learned how to teach. It’s harder to judge because creatively they are extraordinary.

Hough: You have to learn how to be a choreographer and a teacher and a therapist (laughter). It’s a craft. It really is.

AP: Is it ever difficult when you judge a performance and you’re honest about not liking something, but you make one of the pros angry and you see they’re venting about it in rehearsals?

Tonioli: (The pros) have been very unfair in kind of their reaction to Julianne because the first thing, it’s never personal. It really isn’t. And they know the gig. It’s never a personal attack on a performer.

Hough: I think the hardest part is we can have an opinion but to articulate it in a way that’s honest yet encouraging at the same time in 20 seconds can be difficult.

Inaba: It’s understandable for them to take it personally sometimes. They’ve worked really hard. There’s a lot of pressure on them. They’re

sort of the lifeline for the celebrity. At the end of the season everyone ends up feeling good and we are a family on the show and sometimes families don’t get along.

AP: Last season fellow judge Len Goodman took some time off and there were a number of guest judges. Will that happen again?

Inaba: No guest judges this season.

Tonioli: It’s much better. There’s four of us ... we all know each other and respect each other. As nice as some of these guest judges are, it interrupts some sort of flow.

AP: It seems like some pros on the show always get good partners, like Derek Hough (Julianne’s brother). And some pros seem to always get partners who are more of a challenge. Why is that?

Hough: I don’t know how the casting process works. We’re not a part of it. ... I know there are certain personalities that work well with a certain kind of celebrity or a certain kind of personality. I know that Tony (Dovolani) is nurturing and gets the person to take care of. And there’s always a spicy (dynamic) going on between like Val (Chmerkovskiy and his partner). There definitely is a pattern but

I think it’s more personality-driven rather than ability-driven.

AP: What is it about when fans and the media pick up on the chemistry between partners? People were rooting for Maks (Chmerkovskiy) and (former partner) Meryl Davis to become a couple. This happens a lot.

Hough: It’s the most vulnerable position you can be in without being in a relationship. You’re sweating. You’re extremely close. You’re vulnerable. You can either break down or celebrate at any given moment. That’s what a relationship is and it is physical because you’re dancing. ... A lot of couples do get together (romantically).

Tonioli: To make it actually work and make it effective there has to be this total trust and abandon. To make a performance absolutely stand out there has to be that connection. Two people become one. Sometimes a little romance may blossom.

Inaba: I was rooting for Maks and Meryl to get together.

Hough: And that was the most vulnerable we’ve ever seen him.

Tonioli: He let go. She broke him. It’s like breaking a stallion.

Boyfriend’s denial of viewing porn is reason for mistrust

DEAR ABBY: I’m 18 and smarter than many people realize. I carefully evaluate every situation to find the best solution, but I can’t find one for this problem. My boyfriend, who I’ve been with for two years, has recently started watching hermaphrodite porn on a website where there are naked pictures of local girls.

“Roy” has admitted he knows several of the girls on the site. When I told him it makes me feel insecure, he lied and said he hadn’t been on it. Even though I showed him the history, he still denied it.

I don’t know what to do. I feel uncomfortable with him now. I feel like I’m not satisfying him or that he wants someone else.

INSECURE IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR INSECURE: While Roy may have been embarrassed to have been caught, I am still troubled by the fact that he wasn’t honest with you. Whether you’re not satisfying him is beside the point.

That he lied to you in the face of evidence to the contrary should be a wake-up call. The question becomes—what ELSE has Roy been less than truthful about? Does he have a fetish? Is he bi-curious?

It would benefit you if you could have an honest conversation with him about it. I don’t blame you for feeling uncomfortable right now. Rather than search for shortcomings within yourself, take a long, hard look at Roy. Do you need a boyfriend you

can’t trust, particularly if you think he may have had sex with some of the individuals who appear on a porn site?

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DEAR ABBY: My mother asked me on one hour’s notice to take her on an errand. Although I wasn’t planning on going out that day, I obliged. Because she’s elderly, I parked as close to the door of the business as I could. I honestly didn’t see any signs or any parking meters. When we came out, there was a \$25 ticket on my vehicle. I was so upset Mom gave me a \$20 bill to help.

She now says she did it because I made her feel guilty and, since it is my car and she’s my mother, I should pay for the whole thing and return her money! I wouldn’t have been there in the first place if I hadn’t been doing her a favor. I offered to pay \$15 if she’d pay the rest. She refuses.

If I’m stuck with the whole thing I will resent it and won’t speak to her. After all, I am a mother, too, and if I caused something like this to happen to any of my children, I would without question pay for the whole ticket. Who is right?

HELPFUL DAUGHTER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR DAUGHTER: It’s a shame your mother reneged on her offer, but she wasn’t the person who was driving that day. I sincerely hope you won’t let \$20 cause a rift in your relationship because it would be childish.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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In the future, look more carefully to see how the parking is posted—and now that you know your mother can manage, be less solicitous when you’re choosing a spot. (If she really isn’t able to walk far, then her doctor will give her a handicapped parking tag for you to hang on your rearview mirror when you’re driving her.)

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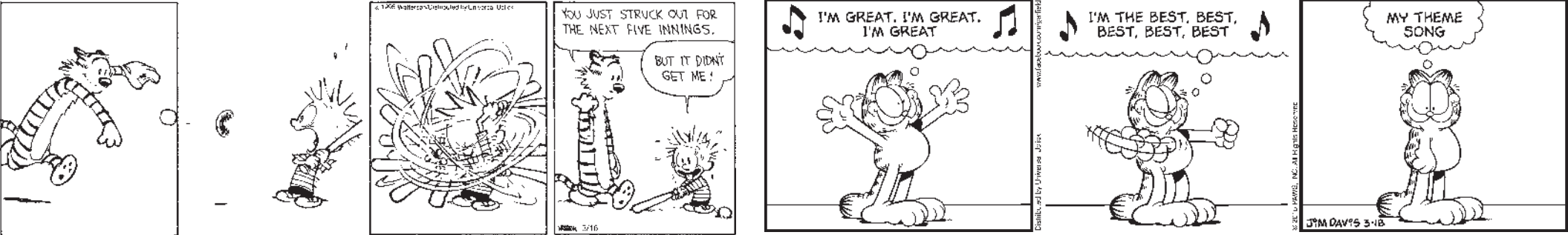
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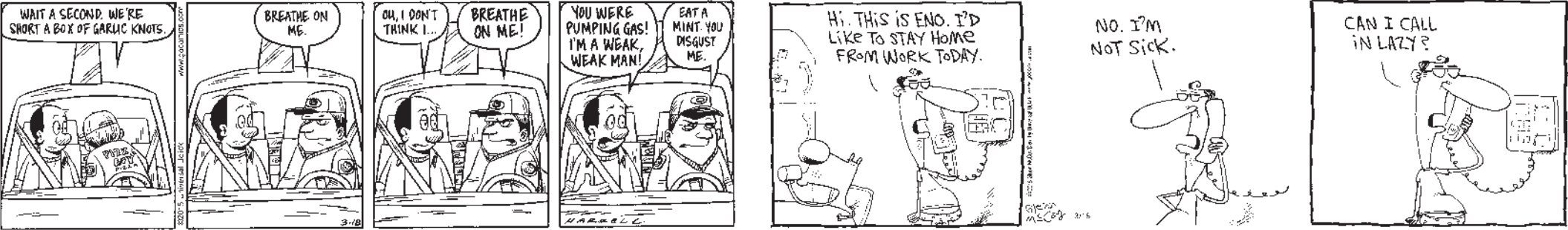
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1 Tackles weeds

5 Miss Piggy's pronoun

8 Rough journey

12 Piedmont wine region

13 Curved line

14 Trumpet

15 St. Patrick's Day emblem

17 Teen's problem

18 McCain's running mate

19 Northerner

21 Settle down

24 Kitten's call

25 Judicial raiment

28 Creme-filled cookie

30 Shade source

33 Actress Mendes

34 Dress

35 Meadow

36 Quarterback Marino

DOWN

1 Padlocked fastener

2 Job-safety org.

3 And others (Lat.)

4 "Hard as nails," for one

5 Chinese chairman

6 Mythical beast

7 Gross

8 Scottish feudal lord

9 "Saturday Evening Post" artist

10 Sea eagle

11 Type of jerk

16 Genetic abbr.

20 Wild and crazy

22 Sushi wrapper

23 Drily funny

25 Roulette bet

26 Eggs

27 Wad

29 Outside (Pref.)

31 Writer Buscaglia

32 Treasure seeker's aid

34 Envelope feature

38 Early March baby

40 Marks' replacements

42 Western st.

43 Church area

44 Seethe

45 Small combo

47 Corridor

48 "Born Free" lioness

49 Passel

52 Scepter topper

53 Mainlander's memento

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterday's answer 3-18

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lily Collins, 26; Adam Levine, 36; Queen Latifah, 45; Vanessa Williams, 52.

Happy Birthday: Your ideas are unique, but it will take hard work and dedication to get them up and running. Don't let the demands others make on you stifle putting your needs first. It's important to follow your dreams if you want to be happy. Make personal changes that will help you expand your interests and improve your appearance and future prospects. Your numbers are 1, 8, 15, 21, 32, 38, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone from your past will remind you of your dreams and inspire you to make them come true. Meet change with optimism and energy. A contract deserves consideration, but shouldn't sway you to settle for less than what you want. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll have problems finishing what you start if you put others first. Don't feel you have to say yes to everyone who wants something from you in order to be loved. Take care of what's important to you. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep a close watch over what your colleagues, peers or superiors do and say. Knowing exactly what's expected of you will help alleviate professional problems or misunderstandings. A change at home will turn out to be more beneficial than expected. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Uncertainty or making impulsive moves will not turn out well. Put your time, effort and

energy into developing skills or creative talents that can separate you from any competition you face. Love is in the stars. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Change will give you the boost you need to follow through with your plans and reach your goals. You will have to be careful how you handle debt, money and other people's possessions. Don't take a risk with something that doesn't belong to you. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't limit what you can do by taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Invest your time, money and talent into your future, not someone else's. Engage in a little romance and you will discourage an argument. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What you learn from helping others will aid you in getting ahead professionally. Take a leadership position and embrace change. What you stand for and accomplish will be impressive. Be sure to take the credit and rewards you deserve. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take time to do the things you enjoy or to turn your home into a user-friendly atmosphere that is conducive to expanding on the ideas, skills and goals you want to pursue. Romance will help you improve your mood and your home environment. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll meet interesting people if you travel or attend a conference geared toward future trends, fitness and nutrition or technological insight. Don't be gullible; ask questions if something seems too good to be true. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take your time, rely on facts and refuse to be pushed into an awkward position. Stick close to home and do your best to improve your surroundings to suit your needs. An old friend will help you solve a problem. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look at your options and strive to reach your goals. You can step into the spotlight and present what you have to offer with confidence. Success is within reach if you don't hesitate to make your move. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional matters will slow you down. Deception is apparent, and double-checking all the information you are given will be necessary if you want to avoid making a costly mistake. Work on personal improvements, not on trying to change someone you love. ★★

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

Difficulty Level ★★

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Led by Wade, Heat stun James and Cavaliers, 106-92



MIAMI (AP)—Dwyane Wade's top offensive highlight of the night led to no points.

Didn't matter. The Miami Heat had more than enough.

Wade scored 21 of his 32 points in the first half, Goran Dragic added 20 points and nine assists, and Miami handed LeBron James another loss on his former home floor with a 106-92 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday night.

The win pushed the Heat back into the No. 8 spot in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

"Our guys wanted it very badly tonight," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We understand what the playoff race is right now. It felt like an old Miami Heat game with normal Miami Heat huddles. Guys were screaming at each other, lot of passion in this game and it was much-needed."

Hassan Whiteside had 16 points and 11 rebounds and Mario Chalmers finished with 16 points off the bench for the Heat, who won both of James' regular-season trips to Miami this season—his first two games back since leaving the team and returning to Cleveland last summer.

Behind Wade, Miami closed the first half on a 19-5 run to take a 56-38 lead, then pushed the margin in to the third.

"For this team, it's about fighting for the playoffs right now," Wade said. "Every day, we in, we out, we in, we out—so we needed this win today."

James scored 16 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter for Cleveland, which had its four-game winning streak snapped. Kyrie Irving added 21, but shot only 5 for 15.

"I just stuck with it and found a good groove in the fourth quarter," said James, who needed treatment on his knee throughout the day but decided to play. "Just tried to put some pressure on their defense and find a rhythm, which I did."

Wade had 24 points at the half when Miami beat Cleveland on Christmas Day, and carried the Heat again early in this one. He had 16 points in the second quarter alone—matching the output of the entire Cleveland roster in those 12 minutes—and Miami had full control.

"I feel our legs just kind of gave out," James said after Cleveland's four-game, week-long road trip came to an end. "And they did a good job exploiting that."

And to think, Wade's showcase move of the night didn't lead to anything.

Midway through the third, Wade saved a loose ball at midcourt and flicked it behind his back to Dragic, his pass somehow splitting James and J.R. Smith. Dragic's layup was blocked by Smith but Wade ran it down again, trying yet another behind-the-back save. That try by Wade went awry, and he sat



AP
Miami Heat's Mario Chalmers (15) attempts a shot as Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyrie Irving (2) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, March 16, 2015, in Miami.

in an expensive courtside seat for a few seconds to catch his breath.

"I'm not going to act like I planned that," Wade said of the pass to Dragic. "It was kind of nice, though. I wish he could have got the finish, but I had no idea. I surprised myself. I was like, 'Oh, that was nice.' That was luck. That was luck, guys. Kids, don't try that at home."

James helped his friend and former teammate up, yet another sign of the respect they continue to have for one another. It was also on display a few moments earlier, when James spent a few minutes at halftime chatting and laughing with Wade as they stood near the Heat bench.

So both seemed happy, but once again, only Wade walked off in Miami with the win.

"He was vintage," Spoelstra said.

Mavericks 119, Thunder 115

In Dallas, Chandler Parsons scored 31 points and Dirk Nowitzki added 22 with some big 3-pointers as Dallas rallied from 15 down in the third quarter to beat Oklahoma City.

Russell Westbrook just missed his seventh triple-double in 10 games, finishing with 24 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds. But he picked up his fifth and sixth fouls 0.6 seconds apart trying to bring the Thunder back in the final minute.

The Mavericks moved into fifth place in the Western Conference and put a little more distance between themselves and the Thunder and New Orleans Pelicans, who are a half-game apart in the race for the final playoff spot.

Rajon Rondo had 11 points and 13 assists for his first double-double in those categories since Dec. 22, his second game with Dallas after getting traded by Boston. Monta Ellis scored 24 and made four free throws in the final 31 seconds.

Warriors 108, Lakers 105

In Oakland, California, Klay Thompson scored 26 points, and

Stephen Curry had 19 points and nine assists as Golden State secured a playoff spot before beating the depleted Lakers.

The Warriors sealed their post-season berth during a timeout late in the second quarter when they learned Oklahoma City lost 119-115 at Dallas. The videoboard above halfcourt displayed "CLINCHED," and fans inside the sold-out arena gave the home team a standing ovation.

It's the first time the franchise has made the playoffs in three consecutive seasons since 1975-77.

The Lakers (17-49), who have tormented Golden State for most of the last three decades, are the team trying to climb out of the Pacific Division cellar now. Los Angeles kept the game close but never overtook the Warriors in the final minutes.

Hawks 110, Kings 103

In Sacramento, California, Jeff Teague scored 23 points, and Paul Millsap added 19 points and 10 rebounds to help Atlanta set a franchise record with its 23rd road win of the season.

DeMarre Carroll added 16 points and Shelvin Mack had 14 for the Eastern Conference-leading Hawks, who have won 10 of 12 games overall and 14 straight against Sacramento.

DeMarcus Cousins scored 20 points and Jason Thompson added 18 for the Kings, who have lost seven of eight and continue to struggle following their second coaching change of the season.

Sacramento fell to 4-10 under George Karl, who replaced Tyrone Corbin as coach last month. Corbin took over for the fired Michael Malone in December.

Raptors 117, Pacers 98

In Indianapolis, Kyle Lowry had 20 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, and Lou Williams scored 24 points as Toronto pulled away from Indiana.

The Raptors (40-27) set a franchise record by earning their 40th win in just 67 games. They had never achieved that

feat in fewer than 70.

Indiana (30-36) lost its second straight despite getting 23 points from George Hill and 20 from Rodney Stuckey.

Wizards 105, Trail Blazers 97

In Washington, John Wall had 21 points, 11 assists, nine rebounds and two blocks as Washington let a 25-point lead dwindle to three before beating Portland.

Two nights after becoming the first NBA team to trail by 18 at halftime before eventually winning by 16, in a home victory against Sacramento, the Wizards were the ones who nearly blew a large advantage.

But they held on for their fourth consecutive victory, a streak that began right after a 4-13 stretch.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points and 12 rebounds, and Nicolas Batum added 12 points and a season-high 15 boards for Portland, which had won three games in a row and eight of its last nine.

NBA BRIEFS

Thunder forward Serge Ibaka out with knee soreness

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Thunder forward Serge Ibaka will be out indefinitely with lingering soreness in his right knee. A team spokesman said Monday that the Thunder consulted with Ibaka's representation and they agreed to have him see a specialist in New York. The team is in Dallas, where it will play the Mavericks on Monday night. Ibaka has missed the past two games. He was playing well before that, averaging 17.1 points and 9.4 rebounds since the All-Star break and shooting 55 percent from the field. The team still is missing reigning MVP Kevin Durant, out with pain in his right foot. The Thunder are one game ahead of the New Orleans Pelicans for the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference standings.

Hawks' Kyle Korver to miss at least 3 games with broken nose

ATLANTA (AP)—Atlanta Hawks guard Kyle Korver will miss at least three games after breaking his nose against the Los Angeles Lakers. Coach Mike Budenholzer said Korver had a procedure performed in Los Angeles on Monday and will re-evaluated after games this week against Sacramento, Golden State and Oklahoma City. Korver went out after taking

Celtics 108, 76ers 89

In Boston, Tyler Zeller scored a career-high 22 points and Avery Bradley had 20 as Boston won its season-high fifth straight game.

Brandon Bass added 12 points and Marcus Smart 11 for Boston, which entered the day in a group of four teams separated by one game for the Eastern Conference's final two playoffs spots. Bradley also had 10 rebounds and six assists.

Nerlens Noel led Philadelphia with 18 points and seven boards, and reserve Ish Smith had 16 points in the 76ers' 14th straight road loss.

Boston swept the season series, 4-0, for the first time since 2008-09.

The Celtics were 4 of 5 on 3-pointers and shot 66.7 percent in the opening quarter en route to a 38-18 lead.

Grizzlies 92, Nuggets 81

In Memphis, Tenn., Zach Randolph had 21 points and 16 rebounds as Memphis thwarted a fourth-quarter rally by Denver.

Marc Gasol and Tony Allen each added 14 points, while Nick Calathes finished with 12 as Memphis won its second straight. Memphis broke a 79-all tie in the fourth quarter by outscoring Denver 13-2 the rest of the way.

Jameer Nelson scored 24 points for the Nuggets on 11-of-18 shooting, while starting backcourt mate Randy Foye finished with 16 points. Wilson Chandler scored 13 for Denver, making both his 3-point shots.

The Nuggets, who had won four straight, were coming off

a double-overtime win at New Orleans on Sunday. Denver rested starters Ty Lawson, Kenneth Faried and Danilo Gallinari, eliminating an average of 38.6 points, plus their leading rebounder (Faried) and assist leader (Lawson).

Nets 122, Timberwolves 106

In Minneapolis, Joe Johnson scored 22 points and rookie Bojan Bogdanovic had 21 as Brooklyn beat short-handed Minnesota.

Thaddeus Young chipped in 19 for the Nets in his first game against Minnesota since being dealt to Brooklyn for Kevin Garnett at the trade deadline.

The Nets, who entered play three games out of the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, won their second straight following a five-game losing streak.

Kevin Martin scored 23 points and Zack LaVine added 20 for the Timberwolves, who had just eight healthy players and were missing three starters due to injury.

Garnett sat out with a sore left knee.

Jazz 94, Hornets 66

In Salt Lake City, rookie swingman Rodney Hood scored 24 points, setting a career high for the second time in three games, as Utah extended its season-best win streak to six with a victory over Charlotte.

The Jazz put together their most prolific first half of the season with a record-setting barrage of 3-pointers. Utah hit 12 of 15 from long range to set a franchise record for most in a half. The Jazz led by 14 after the first quarter and 61-30 at halftime.

Gordon Hayward scored 18 points and Rudy Gobert had 22 rebounds—his third consecutive game with 19-plus boards.

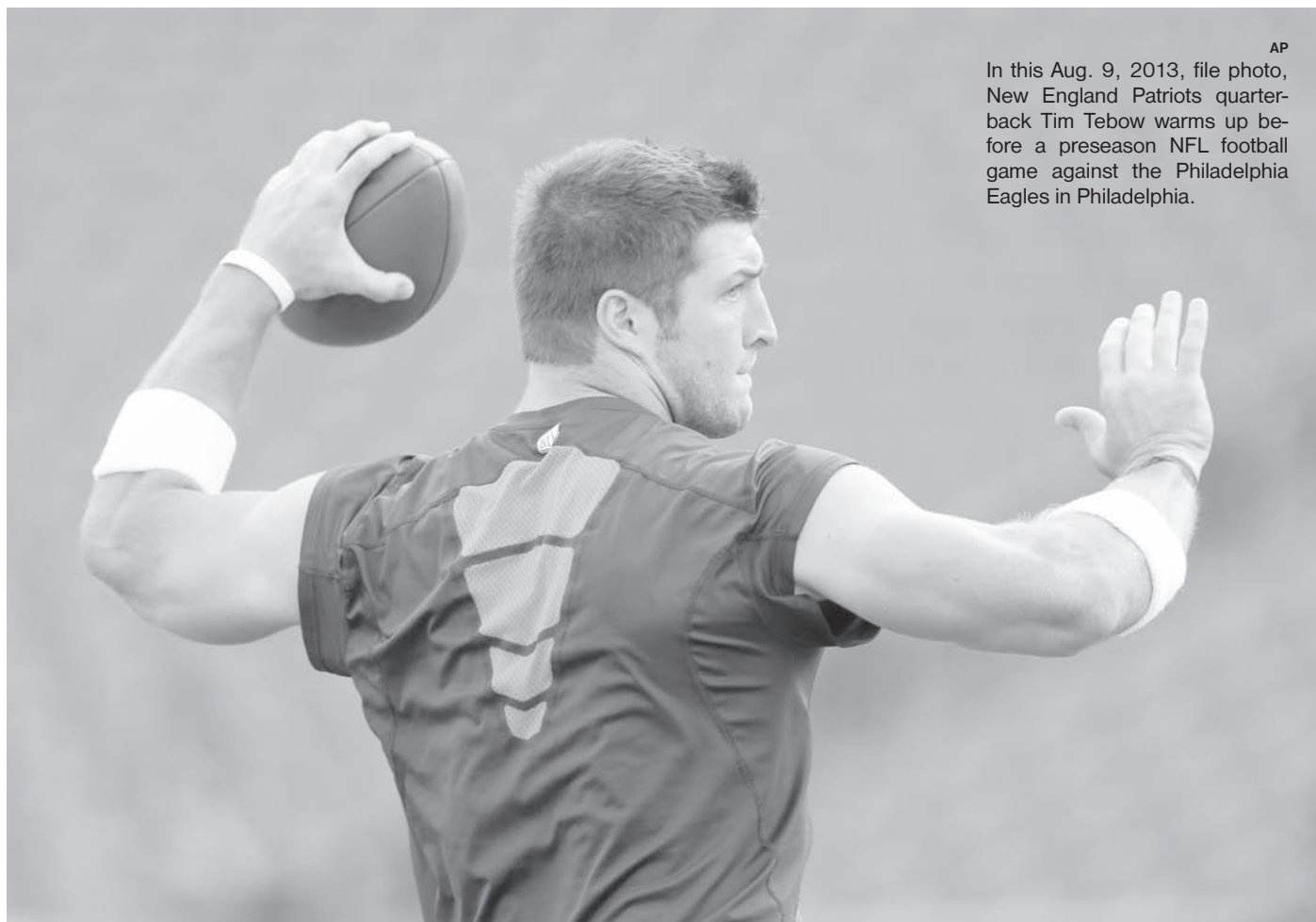
Lance Stephenson led the Hornets with 17 points off the bench.

an offensive foul from Ed Davis in the first half Sunday. Korver's injury was the latest blow on a West Coast road trip that has already claimed backup forward Mike Scott. He is expected to miss to six weeks because of a broken toe on his left foot. The Hawks are hoping to soon get back forward Thabo Sefolosha, who has been out since Jan. 30 with a strained right calf.

Bucks sign forward Chris Johnson to second 10-day contract

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Forward Chris Johnson has signed a second 10-day contract with the Milwaukee Bucks, replenishing a roster beset by injuries. The 6-foot-6 Johnson has appeared in five games since signing his first 10-day deal on March 6, averaging 4.6 points and 20 minutes. The Bucks are 4-9 since the All Star break and a trade deadline deal that brought point guard Michael Carter-Williams to the rebuilding franchise. At 34-32, Milwaukee remains in sixth place in the Eastern Conference, 4 1/2 games ahead of ninth-place Miami and Brooklyn in qualifying for the postseason. Carter-Williams was scratched from Saturday's loss at Memphis with a sore ankle. Guards Jerry Bayless and O.J. Mayo have also been limited by injuries. The Bucks next play Tuesday at New Orleans.

Sources: Tim Tebow works out for Eagles



AP
In this Aug. 9, 2013, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tim Tebow warms up before a preseason NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia.

By **ROB MAADDI**
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Tebow Time in Philly?

Tim Tebow worked out Monday for the Philadelphia Eagles, two people familiar with the session told The Associated Press. Both people spoke on condition of anonymity because the workout was not made public. One of the sources said Tebow worked out at quarterback and left the facility without discussing a contract.

Considering all the offseason moves made by coach Chip Kelly, taking a look at the 2007

Heisman Trophy winner with the huge following shouldn't be a surprise. Tebow could run zone-read plays better than Philadelphia's four current quarterbacks.

Tebow has not been on an NFL team since the 2012 season. He was released by the Jets, then attended training camp in the summer of 2013 with the Patriots, who cut him.

One of the most successful college quarterbacks at Florida, Tebow started 14 games for Denver over two years after being selected in the first round of the 2010 draft. He threw for 316 yards in a playoff win with the Broncos, who traded him

for fourth-round pick when they signed Peyton Manning.

Tebow has been working in television as an analyst for the SEC Network and ESPN.

Kelly recently traded starting quarterback Nick Foles to St. Louis for Sam Bradford. His backup is Mark Sanchez, who was the starter for the Jets when Tebow was there. That was a highly uncomfortable situation for Sanchez. Matt Barkley and G.J. Kinne are also on the roster.

Kelly's remake of the Eagles' roster has included trading star running back LeSean McCoy to Buffalo, then signing Offensive Player of the Year De-

Marco Murray to replace him. Clearly, Kelly—who took over personnel duties after last season—is unafraid to look anywhere for possible upgrades.

Although Tebow had some success in Denver, his inaccurate passing and lack of pocket presence has plagued him in the NFL. His strength has been running the ball or improvising.

There's also been some thought that Tebow might switch to tight end or fullback, although he has balked at such a move in the past. The Eagles have depth at tight end, but no fullbacks on the roster. Kelly likes versatile players, though Tebow tried out at QB.

Phillies' Cliff Lee will try to rehab arm without surgery



CLEARWATER, Fla.
(AP)—Cliff

Lee hopes to avoid striking out at rehab.

The four-time All-Star lefty was placed on the 60-day disabled list by the Philadelphia Phillies to attempt to rehabilitate an elbow injury without surgery. The team announced Monday that an operation was recommended.

Lee has a torn common flexor tendon and was told last week to stop throwing. It's the third time he tries to recover from the injury non-surgically.

"We tried twice and it didn't work, so it's fairly likely that it will remain the same," Lee said. "As we get closer to the threshold of being able to have the surgery or not to make it for next year, as we get closer to that I'll have a decision to make and obviously we'll know a lot more at that point."

Lee will be sent home to rest and begin a rehabilitation

program. The 36-year-old Lee is entering the final guaranteed season of a \$120 million, five-year contract.

Lee, the 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner, helped the Phillies win the 2009 NL pennant before he was traded to Seattle on the same day the Phillies acquired Roy Halladay from Toronto. He led the Texas Rangers to the AL pennant in 2010 before returning to the Phillies in 2011.

Things haven't worked out the way he hoped.

"We didn't win any World Series. That's what I came here for," Lee said. "Obviously, that's what we wanted, but there's 30 teams every year trying to do that. It's hard to pick a spot and for sure it's going to happen. You've got to make it happen. It takes 25 guys doing it. We fought as hard as we could. We got close a couple times. We got beat by the Cardinals in (2011). That was probably the best team I thought we had

over those few years, but you never know. You never know what's going to happen until you play the games."

The rebuilding Phillies have missed the playoffs three straight seasons after capturing five consecutive NL East titles, two pennants and the 2008 World Series championship between 2007-11.

Losing Lee costs the Phillies an opportunity to trade him for younger players. But his decision to put off surgery means there's still a chance he comes back this season.

"The one benefit from our angle is at least he's giving himself a chance to pitch for us again this year by taking this route," general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said. "Clearly had Cliff elected to have surgery, we would have lost him for the year. So this may give him the chance, albeit it's not the greatest odds I guess, it still gives us the opportunity to have him on the field for us at some point this year."

Lee is 143-91 with a 3.52 ERA in 13 seasons.

SIDEBAR

Pete Rose submits application for reinstatement to Manfred

GLENDAL, Ariz. (AP)—Pete Rose has submitted a new request to be reinstated to baseball.

Rose agreed to the lifetime ban in August 1989 following an investigation for Major League Baseball by outside lawyer John Dowd that concluded the career hits leader bet on the Reds to win while managing the team. Rose applied for reinstatement in September 1997 and met in November 2002 with Commissioner Bud Selig, who never ruled on the application.

Rob Manfred succeeded Selig in January.

Manfred said after meeting with the Los Angeles Dodgers in spring training on Monday that he has a formal request

NFL BRIEFS

Former Patriots nose tackle Wilfork joins Texans

HOUSTON (AP)—Long-time New England nose tackle Vince Wilfork has signed with the Houston Texans. Wilfork announced the decision on Twitter on Monday. The 33-year-old has spent his entire 11-year career with the Patriots. Now he'll join a Houston unit led by Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt and that features last year's No. 1 overall pick Jadeveon Clowney, who was injured for most of 2014. The 6-foot-2, 325-pound Wilfork started all 16 games for the Patriots last year and had 47 tackles and an interception. He was a locker room leader in New England, as well. In his tweet Wilfork, a five-time Pro Bowler, thanked the Kraft family and the Patriots, and said the coaching staff in Houston has "made this new exciting transition feel like home to us."

Source: Reggie Bush agrees to contract with 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A person with knowledge of the agreement has told The Associated Press that free agent running back Reggie Bush has reached a deal with the San Francisco 49ers. The person spoke on condition of anonymity Saturday and didn't provide details. Bush visited the team Wednesday and could be seen touring outside Levi's Stadium with new San Francisco coach Jim Tomsula. Bush joins a Niners team that lost Frank Gore in free agency to the Colts, left guard Mike Iupati to the Arizona Cardinals and a pair of cornerbacks who are now

gone, too—Chris Culliver and Perrish Cox. Five-time All Pro linebacker Patrick Willis retired on Tuesday. Bush played in only 11 games with the Lions because of injuries. He carried 76 times for 297 yards and two touchdowns. He posted Saturday on Twitter, "The best is yet to come (hashtag)49ers." Also Saturday, the 49ers announced they have signed cornerback Shareece Wright to a one-year contract.

DeMaurice Smith re-elected NFLPA executive director

In what many considered a referendum on the status quo, NFL player representatives voted to retain DeMaurice Smith as executive director of the union. In voting Sunday by the player reps, it took just one ballot for Smith to gain his third three-year term in charge of the NFL Players Association. He beat eight other candidates by immediately getting a majority of the votes at the union's annual meeting in Kapalua, Hawaii. Smith won over former NFL players Jason Belser, Sean Gilbert and Robert Griffith. Also on the ballot were James Acho, Arthur McAfee, Rob London, Andrew Smith, and John Stufflebeem. "As a union, it is your duty to decide who should and will lead," Smith told the board of player reps. Then, apparently referring to what at times became a nasty competition, he added: "There will always be those who will sacrifice their dignity in a race to the bottom so that they can climb over others to get to the top. I will not join them, and no human should." (AP)

2004 autobiography, "Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars," he reversed his stand and acknowledged he bet on the Reds while managing the team.

Rose's lawyer, Ray Genco, said he and his client were declining comment other than to confirm the application had been submitted.

These days, Rose spends time in Las Vegas signing baseballs for money. That may not fit the lifestyle then Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti suggested when the ban agreement was announced.

"The burden is entirely on Mr. Rose to reconfigure his life in a way he deems appropriate," Giamatti said at the time the suspension was announced.

White confident Vanuatu will recover

By JON PEREZ

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Northern Marianas Sports Association Michael A. White said that organizers of the 10th Vanuatu Pacific Mini Games could pull off in hosting the quadrennial event despite the recent damage brought by Cyclone Pam.

"NMSA is optimistic that Vanuatu can and will recover from the damage caused by the storm. They can stage a great Pacific Mini Games in 2017," said White, who also sympathized with the people of Vanuatu.

The CNMI has sports federations in six of the 14 sports that Vanuatu is going to offer namely, athletics, beach volleyball, football, golf, table tennis, and weightlifting. Table tennis and weightlifting, however, are inactive.

"The CNMI anticipates sending a strong team to the Games," added White.

Radio New Zealand reported that demolition of the stadium in Port Vila would be delayed after Cyclone Pam caused major damage to most of the venues that will be used for the 2017 Mini Games.

Games chief executive officer Joe Bomal Carlo said they would meet with the government on what decisions to be made after Cyclone Pam's aftermath saw much destruction in the capital.

"The government will have

to come back to the drawing board and decide from then on whether we move ahead with this or what decision needs to be made within the hierarchy of the government at the top," said Carlo.



White

He added that the impact of the storm, which tore through Port Vila and other nearby islands, "is absolutely devastating" and the financial impact would "also be significant."

The Korman Stadium was supposed to be demolished this week in order for the Chinese construction team to start building the new sports complex.

"But we won't fully know until we speak with the government. Now I'm not sure where we're going from here. It's not very positive and we will see how it all turns out when all this clean up is all done with," said Carlo.

"It's going to be behind time so it's touch and go from here on because work has taken place early in the year but we've been working with the aid donors with the Chinese government."

He added that he could not guarantee the Games venues would be completed as scheduled after the Chinese team made an inspection in Port Vila two months ago to discuss with Games organizers the designs and other venues that will be built.

"We are waiting to get the place cleared for the work to begin as soon as possible be-

cause it's quite a major task ahead of us."

Cyclone Pam packed 300kph (186mph) winds and slammed into Vanuatu's capital Port Vila

and other nearby islands early Saturday morning flattening houses and causing damage to 90 percent of the buildings.

Initial reports say that at least

Isaiah, Daniel still flawless

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Isaiah and Daniel kept their unbeaten records in the 4th Genesis Cup Christian Churches

Inter-Color Basketball League after topping their respective opponents.

Isaiah defeated Gideon, 68-58, last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium to improve



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Isaiah's Marlo Ibanez escapes past two Gideon defenders for a layup during the second half of their game in the 4th Genesis Cup last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

24 people are confirmed dead while thousands are displaced after the Category 5 hurricane flattened houses in villages.

The Pacific Games Council awarded the hosting rights to Vanuatu during their annual General Assembly in Noumea,

to a 4-0 record, the same mark Daniel holds after whipping Joshua, 73-53, last Friday.

Daniel built an early double-digit lead in the first half, 33-19, and protected the driver's seat in the second half behind Angelo Hernaez's consistent scoring. Hernaez finished with a game-high 19 points, 12 of them came in the second half. Point guard Andrew Palino backed him up, adding 11 markers, while seven other Daniel players contributed at least two field goals apiece for the team's balance scoring.

Darwin Gonzales had 12 markers to lead Joshua, which fell to a 1-3 record and lost its last three matches.

In last Monday's first game, Isaiah had a strong finish to thwart Gideon.

After holding a shaky 52-51 lead down to the last four minutes of the match, Isaiah went on a 16-7 windup en route to the double-digit winning margin.

Lefty Marlo Ibanez took care of business for Isaiah in the closing minutes, scoring 8 of the team's last 16 points. His triple gave Isaiah more breathing room, 55-51 and then he went 3-for-4 from the foul line to keep the team's same distance. His layup under the 1-minute mark of the match pegged the final score.

Gideon failed to overhaul Isaiah's lead as it committed several turnovers in the home-stretch, while the latter turned

New Caledonia on Sept. 4, 2011. This would be the first time since 1993 that Vanuatu is hosting the Games.

Rugby, archery, boxing, cricket, judo, karate, and netball are the other sports to be played.

those miscues into points.

Ibanez led all scorers with his 26 points, while Walter Brillo chipped in 10. Isagani Cortez, Francis Estanislao and Greg De Leon combined for 22 more points for Isaiah.

Bradley Demapan paced Gideon with his 17 points. Gideon is at the bottom half of the team standings with its even 2-2 slate.

Meanwhile, results of last Monday's second game between Samuel and Caleb along with the Jeremiah-Ezekiel tiff last Friday will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Thursday edition.

Friday

Daniel 73 — Hernaez 19, Palino 11, Nunez 6, Valderama 6, Del Rio 6, Ong 6, Robles 6, Pablo 5, Josen 4, Borromeo 2, Del Carmen 2.

Joshua 53 — Gonzales 12, Dequito 10, Abe 8, Isip 7, Chavez 7, Ibanez 7, Sayas 2.

Scoring by halves: 33-19, 73-53.

Monday

Isaiah 68 — Ibanez 26, Brillo 10, Cortez 8, De Leon 7, Estanislao 7, Puno 2, Arroyo 2, Gasin 2, Buno 2, Vergara 2.

Gideon 58 — Demapan 17, Ocampo 13, Buniag 8, Borja 8, David 6, Santos 4, Palma 2.

Scoring by halves: 34-35, 68-58.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	27	.597	—
Boston	30	36	.455	9½
Brooklyn	27	38	.415	12
Philadelphia	15	52	.224	25
New York	13	53	.197	26½

Southeast Division

x-Atlanta	53	14	.791	—
Washington	39	28	.582	14
Miami	30	36	.455	22½
Charlotte	29	36	.446	23
Orlando	21	47	.309	32½

Central Division

Cleveland	43	26	.623	—
Chicago	40	28	.588	2½
Milwaukee	34	32	.515	7½
Indiana	30	36	.455	11½
Detroit	23	43	.348	18½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	47	20	.701	—
Houston	44	22	.667	2½
Dallas	43	25	.632	4½
San Antonio	41	24	.631	5
New Orleans	36	30	.545	10½

Northwest Division

Portland	44	21	.677	—
Oklahoma City	37	30	.5528	
Utah	30	36	.455	14½
Denver	26	42	.382	19½
Minnesota	14	52	.212	30½

Pacific Division

hh	53	13	.803	—
L.A. Clippers	42	25	.627	11½
Phoenix	35	33	.515	19
Sacramento	22	44	.333	31
L.A. Lakers	17	49	.258	36

x-clinched playoff spot

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUNA

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time Saipan Little League All-Star, baffled the Yankees batters with breaking balls and his changeups caught his opponents by surprise.

Muna, with the Jets holding on to a one-run advantage, shut down the Yankees in the top of the ninth forcing lead off batter Carl Camacho to ground out to second baseman

Keola Camacho, who fielded it cleanly to Henry Reyes at first base.

Gary Cruz, the league's second-best hitter, represented the tying run after reaching first on an A.J. Evangelista error while Jack Sablan, who was hit by pitch, had the go-ahead run.

Both runners, however, were left stranded after Chris Alepuyo grounded out to Reyes and Muna struck out McDonald to preserve the Jets' win.

Monkeya went 3-for-5 with two RBIs while Muna scored two runs despite a 1-for-4 plate appearance and had an RBI-double in the bottom of the sixth. Henry Reyes went 2-for-4 and made one run.

The playoffs begin next week. Should a tie for first place occur, a one-game playoff between the two teams would be played to determine the pennant champion and the final rankings for the postseason.

LEINA

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with an 8-over 80 to end up at joint 26th with six others. She carded 12 pars, the most in the 84-golfer field.

Danielle DuPont (96, 76th), Megan McCutcheon (99, 79th), and Natasha Navarro (103, 81st) round up CSU-Pueblo's scoring.

The LadyThunderwolves are currently in 13th place, while

the Lady Mustangs lead the field with a tournament-best 302 followed by the Lady Bufaloes' 308 and the 309 of the Tarleton State University Texans' 309.

Day 2 action is set Tuesday at 8:30am local time.

Two weeks ago, Kim fired a two-day tally of 13-over 157 to finish tied for 10th place together with University of Missouri-St. Louis Tritons' Joana Yanez in the Las Vegas Desert Classic.

TAN

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the 53rd. Three different players scored for Kanoa with Kirt Andon breaking the ice for the team with his goal in the 24th. Andruw Omelau and Angelo Ada posted the last two. Both Kanoa and Tan Holdings are winless this season and also hold similar 1-4 draw-loss marks.

GIRLS U15

Paire 4, MP United 2

Paire bagged its second win after topping MP United last Sat-

urday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Renita Fleming led Paire with her hat-trick, while Guinevere Borja registered the other goal. Franchesca Bucalig and Gillian Villagomez had one goal apiece for MP United.

Matansa 2, Tan Holdings 1

Matansa earned its fourth victory after slipping past Tan Holdings.

Angelica Sally made the win goals for Matansa, scoring in the 33rd and 50th minute, while Chloe Salvosa tallied the lone

goal for Tan Holdings in the 35th minute.

Shirley's 3, Kanoa 0

Shirley's also collected its fourth win after shutting down Kanoa.

Diana Maniacop gave Shirley's its first goal in the fourth minute, while Mia Carreon made it two in a row 10 minutes later. Jerlyn Castillo handed the division leader its third goal in the 50th minute.

CO-ED U12

MP United 5, Matansa 1

MP United extended its win-

ning run to four in the co-ed U12 division after dominating Matansa.

Howard Grafton and Dylan Cho teamed up in the easy victory as they scored two goals apiece. Jon Villagomez earned the other goal for MP United (4-0-0).

John Edward Fabia gave Matansa its only goal in the match. Matansa dropped to third place in the team standings with its 1-1-2 record.

Kanoa 2, Paire 2

The other co-ed match ended in draw with both Kanoa and Paire

2015 SSC International Invitational Swim Meet



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Marshall Island swimmer gets a helping hand from her coach.



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Participants in the three-day meet pose with Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, front row right, after the awards ceremony for the tournament held last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.



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Saipan Swim Club's Jin Ju Thompson nears the finish line of the 50m butterfly race.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Saipan Swim Club's Jinie Thompson races in the 50m butterfly event of the 2015 SSC International Invitational Swim Meet last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Swimmers get ready for the 100m freestyle race.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Swimmers are at the starting block for the 100m backstroke event.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Two swimmers are in a tight race during the 100m backstroke event.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Palau coaches huddle with their swimmers before the start of the race.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Tsunami Saipan's Mark Maestro joins the 100m freestyle event.



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Muna-powered Jets stun Yankees

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Mike Muna retired 12 batters to power the Jets to a come-from-behind 10-9 win over the Saipan Stevedore Yankees in Monday night's game in the 2015 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

The win was only the second in nine games for the young Jets of manager Froilan Camacho while the loss dropped the Yankees to 6-3.

A Yankees win would have pushed them on top of the standings and move closer to clinching the pennant. They face the Fielders for their final regular season game today.

The loss also wasted the Yankees' triple play, the second this season. With the bases loaded in the bottom of the fifth, third baseman Pete Tomokane caught Jason Reyes' bloop then threw to first baseman Chuck McDonald to tag T.J. Sablan out.

McDonald then made a quick toss back to Tomokane



to tag Palmerson Monkeya, who was about to run toward home but chose to return to third base.

Muna, the league's second-best in strikeouts with 42 total, tossed a complete game and held the Yankees to two runs in the last six innings after allowing a combined seven after three. He was tagged with three earned runs on eight hits and walked six.

The rookie pitcher, a many-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Jets' Mike Muna delivers a pitch during the top of the sixth inning of their game against the Yankees in the 2015 Saipan Baseball League last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.



Leina tied atop leaderboard at Wichita

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Leina Kim rediscovered her old form to join West Texas A&M University Buffaloes bet Whitlee Woods on top of the leaderboard after the opening round of the Midwestern State Invitation on Monday at the Wichita Falls Country Club in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Colorado State University-Pueblo junior, according to

the Lady ThunderWolves website, fired her sixth below-par round this season with a 1-under 71, which Woods equaled after finishing her 18 rounds.

Kim's six birdies, against the par 72, 5,843-yard golf course, helped her climb atop the standings as

she also went 3-under on par-4 holes.

Midwestern State University Mustang Sarah Moore carded a 2-over 74 to place third followed by team-

mate Sierra Campbell's 3-over 75.

Rogers State University Hillcat Kina Boon and Campbell shot hole-in-ones, both par-3 holes, at the 147-yard No. 2 and the 167-yard No. 4, respectively.

Julie Sanchez, Kim's teammate and a senior at CSU-Pueblo, had the second-best score for the ThunderWolves

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Leina Kim hopes to sustain her fine form in the final round of the Midwestern State Invitational at the Wichita Falls Country Club in Wichita Falls, Texas in her bid for a maiden title in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's spring season.



Tan Holdings 1 edges MPU

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Tan Holdings Football Club 1 won the battle of unbeaten teams in the boys U15 division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Spring League, eking out a 1-0 victory last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Tan Holdings 1 stretched its winning streak to five to remain on top of the six-team field, while MP United slid to second with its 4-0-1 win-draw-loss card.

Anthony Fruit scored the lone goal in the match in the 48th minute, bringing Tan Holdings 1's total to 32 so far. The division leader has yet to give up a single goal this season.

In other boys U15 results, Paire defeated Matansa FC, 3-1, last Friday. Dai Podziewski and

Logan Mister hit the board for Paire, which got its third goal off a Matansa miscue. Lolobeyong Benito nailed the only goal for Matansa, which dropped to fourth place with its 2-0-3 slate. Paire moved up to third after improving its record to 3-0-2.

Kanoa FC and Tan Holdings

2 also played last Friday and settled for a 3-3 draw.

Taka Borja registered two goals for Tan Holdings, including the equalizer in the 73rd minute. Borja got her first in the 18th minute, while

Joshua Waldo hit the board in

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